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PREFACE.

THE former edition of this Liturgy was published in 1792; and the present has been delayed by the editor for reasons which, he trusts, have enabled him to render it more deserving of approbation and acceptance.

It has been the chief intention of his endeavours, to form the ordinary and occasional services of public worship, upon the broad and general principles of our common christianity. Obsolete words and redundant expressions have been corrected; offensive and needless repetitions, have been, without distinction, expunged. All doctrinal opinions which have been superadded to the plain and simple statements, that “there is one GOD, and one mediator between GOD and men, the man Christ Jesus;” and that “Jesus is the Christ,” have been studiously avoided. It appears, indeed, to be a position capable

pable of the clearest demonstration, how much soever the contrary practice has prevailed in christian churches, that the introduction of any unnecessary doctrinal opinions into public liturgies, is wholly foreign to the nature and expediency of social worship. It is subversive of the more general union of fellow disciples of the same master, associated for the purpose of paying religious homage to almighty GOD; and destructive of the greater love and charity in the christian community at large.

It is scarcely necessary to observe that THE BOOK OF COMMON-PRAYER of the church of England is the foundation of the present liturgy. A revision of that volume by the no less truly excellent, than eminently learned, Dr. Samuel Clarke, was the first step in the progress toward its further improvement. But his alterations were almost wholly confined to the correction of every ascription of the exclusive attributes of deity, and of every address of religious homage and worship to every other being, however confounded or however distinguished, than the one
GOD

GOD and father of the universe; the GOD and father of Jesus Christ, and of all mankind.

Some further considerable alterations were made by Mr. Lindsey, the editor's late learned and worthy colleague, in four successive editions of his liturgy, professed to be compiled "according to the plan of Dr. Clarke." But it would be unwarrantable to prefix Dr. Clarke's venerable name to the extent of alteration comprehended in the following pages. It is, however, earnestly recommended to the ingenuous and inquiring christian, attentively to compare the present work, with the established liturgy, and with Dr. Clarke's interleaved copy of it; as also with the last edition of Mr. Lindsey's "Book of Common-prayer reformed:" for it is only by such attention, conducted with seriousness and candour, that he will become competent to ascertain the improvements or defects, or the scope and extent of the alterations now introduced, and submitted to the public; and more especially recommended to the congregation for whose use the present revision has been immediately undertaken.

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It is confessedly true, that the editor dissents from several religious opinions, which are entertained by many very learned and very excellent persons; and which have received, and continue to receive, a great degree of public approbation: but he conceives it to be no less true, that many very respectable members, as well of the church of England, as of other churches or societies of christians, differ equally from each other upon the same, or similar, questions. He is, nevertheless, fully persuaded that he shall not be found to have given just cause of offence to any description of his fellow-christians. He knows, or thinks he knows, the value, as well as the nature, of unity, both among the disciples of Christ, and among the brotherhood of mankind: but it is an unity in charity, or love, for the whole human race, and not an unity in doctrinal opinions, for which alone the christian should contend.

The reprinting THE PSALMS was, on the former occasion, postponed, with a view to effect their greater correctness: and it is hoped that the attention which has been given to them,

them, will have rendered them more intelligible, without having sacrificed the spirit of piety and devotion, which particularly characterizes these beautiful compositions; and consequently will have made them more subservient to just sentiments of gratitude and resignation to the great and benevolent parent of the universe. The two versions which are generally received, as also the translations by Mr. Green in 1762; by Mr. Merrick in 1765; and by Mr. Street in 1792, have been particularly consulted; and through the indulgence of his very learned and discerning friend, Dr. Geddes, the editor has been permitted to have access to a part of his translation of the psalms. He has, however, in all cases exercised his own judgment in the construction of the text, and in the phraseology of the language: he has done the same with respect to the arrangement or division of the matter, which is accommodated to the general purpose of public use and edification.

In consideration of the difficulty of meeting the expectation of different persons with respect to

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to the omission of certain psalms, which least accord with the mild and forgiving spirit of the gospel, he has thought it would be more satisfactory to the reader to have the whole before him, and to be left to reject the use of any particular psalm at pleasure, than to be prevented the perusal by the opinion of another.

To the collection of HYMNS a short preface is prefixed, which precludes the necessity of any thing further being said respecting them.

The editor is sufficiently impressed with the difficulties attending the labours in which he has been engaged, to presume to say more in their behalf, than that he hopes they will contribute to the future revision, the gradual improvement, and more general reception of a plain and unsophisticated, a rational and consistent, a serious and pious service of the one GOD and father of all, in the public acts of religious homage and worship.

Nov. 26, 1801.

JOHN DISNEY.

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THE MORNING PRAYER,

FOR EVERY LORD'S DAY THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR, EXCEPTING SUCH DAYS AS
THE LORD'S SUPPER IS ADMINISTERED.

¶ *At the beginning of Morning Prayer, the minister shall read some one, or more, of these sentences of the scriptures that follow; after which, he shall read the Exhortation.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness which he hath committed, and doeth judgment and justice, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek. xviii. 27.*

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return UNTO JEHOVAH, for he will receive him with compassion: and to his GOD, for he aboundeth in forgiveness. *Isaiah lv. 7.*

The sacrifice in which GOD delights is a contrite mind; a broken and contrite heart GOD never despiseth. *Psaln li. 17.*

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Rend your heart, and not your garments; and return unto JEHOVAH your GOD: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth of the evil *which he threateneth.* Joel ii. 13.

TO JEHOVAH our GOD belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; and have not hearkened to the voice of JEHOVAH our GOD, to walk in his laws which he hath set before us by his servants the prophets. *Dan. ix. 9, 10.*

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but, if we confess our sins, GOD, faithful and just *to his promise*, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John i. 8, 9.*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the father in spirit and in truth; and, indeed, the father is seeking such worshippers of himself. GOD is a spirit; and his worshippers must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John iv. 23, 24.*

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¶ *Exhortation.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, the scripture repeatedly exhorteth us to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty GOD, our heavenly father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And as we ought, each of us, to make confession of our guilt and unworthiness, in our acts of private devotion; so ought we jointly to do, when we assemble and meet together,—to render thanks unto him, who is the creator and preserver of all, for the great benefits we have received at his hands,—to set forth his most worthy praise,—to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore, I beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, in supplication to almighty GOD; saying after me;

¶ *General confession to be said by the whole congregation, after the minister.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful father ! we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep ; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts ; we have offended against thy holy laws ; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.— But, we entreat thee, O GOD ! to have mercy upon us, thine offending creatures. Spare thou those who confess their faults ; restore thou those, who are truly penitent ; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. And grant, O most merciful father ! that we may, in future, live a virtuous and religious life, agreeably to thy holy word. *Amen.*

¶ *Minister.*

ALMIGHTY GOD ! unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden ; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may truly love thee, and worthily praise thy holy name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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OUR FATHER ! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. Raise our hearts unto thee,
O GOD !

Answer. And our tongues shall speak
thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be read the xcvith psalm, or the cth psalm, except on EASTER-DAY, when a proper one is appointed.*

Psalm xcv.

O ! COME, let us sing unto JEHOVAH !
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our
salvation :

2 Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving ; and show our joy before him
in psalms of praise :

3 For JEHOVAH is the great GOD ; and
the great king above all gods.

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4 In his power are the depths of the earth ; so likewise are the heights of the mountains.

5 The sea is his, for he made it ; and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O! come, let us worship, and bow down, and kneel before JEHOVAH, our maker:

7 For he is our GOD ; and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock under his care.

8 " To-day," saith *Jehovah*, " if ye would hear my voice, harden not your hearts ; as when I was provoked, and when I was tried in the wilderness ;

9 " When *the children of Israel* tried me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 " I was grieved with that generation, and said ; They are a people who err in their hearts, and consider not my ways.

11 " Wherefore, I swore in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest."

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

Or,

Or, Psalm c.

1 SING unto JEHOVAH, all ye nations; serve JEHOVAH with joy, and come before his presence with a song.

2 Acknowledge that JEHOVAH is GOD: he made us, and to him we belong; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture;

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and praise his name.

4 For JEHOVAH is gracious; his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible; the only GOD:

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *To be used on EASTER-DAY, instead of either of the foregoing psalms.*

CHRIST is the passover, that was slain for us. Therefore let us keep a festival; not with the former leaven, nor with a bitter leaven of iniquity; but with those things which are without leaven—sincerity and truth. 1 Cor. v. 7.

2 Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more : death hath no longer dominion over him. For, when he died unto sin, he died once for all : but now he liveth, he liveth unto God. Thus let it be with you : consider yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our lord. *Rom. vi. 9.*

3 Christ hath been raised from *the* dead, and become the first-fruits of them who sleep. For, since by a man *came* death, by a man *will* also *come* a resurrection of the dead. For, as by means of Adam all die ; even so by means of Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Cor. xv. 20.*

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read a psalm or psalms, at the discretion and appointment of the minister, concluding the whole with one of the following doxologies ;*

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Answer.

Answer. Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever, *Amen.*
(1 *Tim.* i. 17. *Rom.* xvi. 27. *Jude* 25.)

Or this :

Glory be unto the king immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Answer. For unto thee, O JEHOVAH ! it is eternally due ; and may thy great name be glorified throughout all the world, for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read a lesson, taken out of the Old Testament ; after which the following psalm.*

Psalm CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, O GOD ! my king ! and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I thank thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is JEHOVAH, and highly to be praised : his greatness is unsearchable.

4 Generation to generation shall celebrate thy works, and declare thy power.

5 They shall speak of thine honour, thy glory, thy praise, and wonderful works.

6 Men shall tell of the might of thy terrible acts, and discourse of thy greatness.

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7 They shall largely commemorate thy great goodness; and sing aloud of thy righteousness.

8 JEHOVAH is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and abundant in kindness.

9. JEHOVAH is good unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

10. All thy works shall celebrate thee, O JEHOVAH! and thy saints shall praise thee.

11. They shall tell of the glory of thy kingdom, and speak of thy power;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom, may be made known to the sons of men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14 JEHOVAH upholdeth all such as are falling; and lifteth up those who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou art he who givest them their food in its season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living creature.

17 JEHOVAH is righteous in all his ways, and bountiful in all his works.

18 JEHOVAH is near unto all those who call

call upon him : to all those, who call upon him in sincerity.

19 He accomplisheth the desire of all those who fear him ; he heareth their cry, and saveth them.

20 JEHOVAH preserveth all those who love him ; but destroyeth all those who are wicked.

21 My mouth shall speak of the praise of JEHOVAH ; and all flesh shall praise his holy name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read a lesson, taken out of the New Testament, after which the hymn following.*

Luke, i. 68—75.

PRAISED be JEHOVAH, the GOD of Israel ; for he hath kindly regarded and delivered his people ;

2 And hath raised up a mighty deliverance for us, in the house of his servant David ;

3 As he promised by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have prophesied ever since the age began ;

4 That we should be preserved from our enemies, and from the hands of all who hate us :

5 That

5 That he might show his kindness, and remember his holy covenant with our fathers.

6 *And* that we, being delivered from the hands of our enemies, might pay our religious service unto him, without fear ;

7 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read three Collects ; the first of which shall be one of the two following, at the choice of the minister, unless where there is one appointed to be used on some particular occasion : the second, for peace : the third, for protection.*

¶ *Minister.*

Let us pray.

O GOD ! kind and merciful ! who hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning ; grant that we may in such manner hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them ; that, by patience, and the comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given unto us by Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or,

Or,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD ! who art always more ready to hear than we to pray ; and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve : forgive us those things, o merciful GOD ! of which our consciences do accuse us, and bestow those good things for which we are encouraged to ask in thy most holy word, revealed unto us by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

Christmas-Day.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER ! who alone art from everlasting ; who didst cause thy holy servant Jesus to be born into the world, that he might declare thee the only true GOD, and himself thy messenger to bring mankind to the practice of holiness, and the enjoyment of life eternal : grant to us, so to profit by his doctrines and precepts, that we may finally obtain the reward which he hath promised to all his true disciples, and live with him in thy heavenly kingdom for ever. *Amen.*

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Good-Friday.

O ALMIGHTY GOD ! who only hast immortality, who didst support thy holy servant Jesus under all the trials of his laborious ministry, and didst finally enable him, in obedience to thy will, and for the joy that was set before him, to suffer death upon the cross : grant, that, the same mind being in us his disciples, we may endeavour, after his example, to advance thy glory, to promote the welfare of our fellow-creatures, and to submit with patience to thine all-gracious dispensations, in the blessed hope of partaking of the eternal happiness of that kingdom which he hath attained. *Amen.*

Easter-Day.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! by whose mercy our lord Jesus Christ was raised from death, and confirmed unto us the hope and expectation of everlasting life : lead us, by thy kind and superintending providence, to rise from the death of sin to a life of righteousness, that when Christ, our great teacher and master, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory. *Amen.*

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The second Collect, for peace.

O GOD ! who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of whom consisteth our hope and assurance of eternal life, grant us thy continual protection, that we may be safe from all our enemies, and evermore give thanks unto thee, in the congregation of thy people, as becometh the disciples of Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

The third Collect, for protection.

O JEHOVAH ! our heavenly father ! almighty and everlasting GOD ! who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same by thy mighty power : and grant, that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but, that all our actions being ordered according to thy will, we may be preserved from all evil, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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¶ *The following prayers are next to be read in the order in which they are placed.*

For the King.

O GOD ! high and mighty ! king of kings ! lord of lords ! the supreme ruler of princes ! who extendest thy fatherly care and protection to all the dwellers upon earth ; we beseech thee, to behold with thy favour our sovereign, king George ; and to bestow upon him such measure of thy holy spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with every public and private virtue ; grant him in health and happiness long to live ; prosper all his righteous undertakings ; and, after this life, receive him into everlasting happiness, through thy mercy and goodness promised in the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the royal family.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! the fountain of all goodness ! we humbly beseech thee to bless the queen, the prince and princess of Wales, and all the royal family ; give them a just
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sense of religion and virtue, prosper them with all happiness, and finally bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our lord, to all, who faithfully love and serve thee. *Amen.*

For the parliament.

To be read during their session.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful GOD! we humbly beseech thee to bless with thy favour our country in general, but especially the great council of the nation, now assembled in parliament; be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations. to the advancement of thy truth; the good of thy church; the safety, honour, and welfare of thy servant, George, our king, and of the whole community: that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may flourish and be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and thy whole church, we humbly beg of thee, O GOD! the bountiful bestower of every blessing. *Amen.*

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For the clergy and people.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD ! who art the author of every good and necessary gift ; bestow thy blessing upon all bishops and ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge ; and give success to all their several honest and commendable endeavours to promote the true knowledge of thy word, and the right means of obtaining thy favour both here and hereafter. This we humbly ask as the disciples of Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.

For mankind in general.

O GOD ! the creator and preserver of all mankind ! we humbly beseech thee, in behalf of all ranks and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy will known unto all nations. More especially we pray for all who profess and call themselves "christians," in all parts of the world, that they may be led into the way of truth, and receive the gospel of our lord and master, in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.
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Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body or estate (*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*); that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and an happy deliverance from all their afflictions. And this we humbly ask as the disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

General thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! father of all mercies ! we, thy servants, give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men; (*particularly to those, who desire now to offer up their praises and thanks for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.*) We thank thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in pointing out to us the means of obtaining thy favour and everlasting happiness by the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ. And, we beseech thee, give us that just sense of all thy mercies, that

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our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful ; and that we may praise thee, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by devoting ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Concluding prayer.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! who hast disposed us, at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications ; and hast especially encouraged us, by our lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee ; fulfil now, o thou giver of every good ! the desires and petitions of thy servants, in such manner as may be most expedient for them ; granting us, in this world, the knowledge of thy truth ; and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

One

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the minister.

MAY the favour of our lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 *Cor.* xvi. 23. *Philip.* iv. 23.

MAY the GOD of all favour, who hath called us to his everlasting glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

MAY JEHOVAH bless us and preserve us; may he be merciful unto us, and look favourably upon us, now and for evermore. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24—26.

MAY the blessing of almighty GOD be with us all for ever. *Amen.*

THE EVENING PRAYER,

FOR EVERY LORD'S DAY THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR.

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Exhortation.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, the scripture repeatedly exhorteth us to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty GOD, our heavenly father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; that we may obtain

obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And as we ought, each of us, to make confession of our guilt and unworthiness, in our acts of private devotion ; so ought we jointly to do, when we assemble and meet together,—to render thanks unto him, who is the creator and preserver of all, for the great benefits we have received at his hands,—to set forth his most worthy praise,—to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore, I beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me, with a pure heart and humble voice, in supplication to almighty GOD ; saying after me ;

¶ *General confession to be said by the whole congregation, after the minister.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful father !
we have erred and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep ; we have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts ;
we have offended against thy holy laws ;
we have left undone those things which we
ought to have done ; and we have done
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those things. which we ought not to have done.—But, we entreat thee, o GOD! to have mercy upon us, thine offending creatures. Spare thou those, who confess their faults; restore thou those, who are truly penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. And grant, o most merciful father! that we may, in future, live a virtuous and religious life, agreeably to thy holy word. *Amen.*

Minister.

ALMIGHTY GOD! unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may truly love thee, and worthily praise thy holy name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister.

Minister. Raise our hearts unto thee,
O GOD !

Answer. And our tongues shall speak
thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be read a psalm or psalms, at the discretion and appointment of the minister, concluding the whole with one of the following doxologies ;*

NOW UNTO JEHOVAH ! immortal, invisible,
the only GOD ;

Answer. Be honour and glory, through
the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

Or this :

Glory be unto the king immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Answer. For unto thee, O JEHOVAH ! it is eternally due ; and may thy great name be glorified throughout all the world, for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read a lesson, taken out of the Old Testament ; after which, the three following psalms.*

Psalm I.

HAPPY is the man who walketh not
in the counsel of the wicked, nor continueth
in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the
company of scorers ;

2 But

2 But whose delight is in the law of JEHOVAH ; and who, in his law, exerciseth himself day and night.

3 For, he is like a tree planted by the water-side, that bringeth forth its fruit in due season ;

4 Whose leaf also withereth not ; for whatsoever he doth, shall prosper.

5 *But*, it is not so with the wicked ; they are like the chaff which the wind disperseth.

6 Therefore, the wicked will not be able to stand in judgment ; neither sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 For, JEHOVAH approveth the way of the righteous ; but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm VIII.

O JEHOVAH ! our GOD ! how glorious is thy name through the whole earth ; which resoundeth thy praise to the heavens !

2 From the mouths even of babes and sucklings thou derivest strength against thine enemies ; so as to silence the enemy, and the self-avenger.

3 When I behold the heavens, the work of
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of thy fingers; and the moon and the stars, which thou hast created;

4 "What is mortal man, *I say*, that thou shouldst be mindful of him? What, the son of man that thou shouldst attend to him?"

5 Thou hast placed him but little lower than the angels; and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thine hands; thou hast subjected every thing to his power:

7 All sheep and oxen; yea, the beasts of the field:

8 The fowls of the air, *and* the fish of the sea; *and whatsoever* passeth the paths of the waters.

9 O JEHOVAH! OUR GOD! how glorious is thy name through the whole earth!

Psalm xv.

O JEHOVAH! who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell upon thine holy mountain?

2 He who leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth justice, and speaketh the truth from his heart:

3 Who

3 Who slandereth not with his tongue ;
who doeth no injury to his neighbour, nor
raiseth a disgraceful report against him :

4 In whose eyes a worthless person is
despised ; but who honoureth those who
fear JEHOVAH :

5 Who, when he sweareth to a friend,
deceiveth him not : who lendeth not his
money upon usury ; nor taketh a bribe
against the innocent.

6 He, who doeth these things, *saitb Je-
bovah*, shall never be moved. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read a lesson, taken out of the New
Testament; after which, the following psalm.*

Psalm LXVII.

GOD ! be merciful unto us, and bless us,
and show us the light of thy countenance.

2 That thy way may be known upon
earth ; thy salvation among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise thee, o
GOD ! yea, let all the peoples pay homage
unto thee.

4 Let the nations exult and rejoice ;
for thou shalt judge the peoples with equity,
and comfort the nations on the earth.

5 Let

5 Let the peoples praise thee, o GOD !
yea, let all the peoples pay homage unto
thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase ; and GOD shall give us his bless-
ing.

7 GOD, even our GOD ! shall bless us ;
and the remotest parts of the world shall
fear him. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read three Collects, the first of
which shall be one of the two following, at
the choice of the minister, unless where there is
one appointed to be used on some particular oc-
casion: the second, for peace of mind: the
third, for defence against all perils.*

¶ *Minister.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! who hast most mer-
cifully declared thy will unto thy people ;
grant, that they may love that which thou
hast commanded, and desire that which
thou hast promised ; that so, among the
various changes of the world, our hearts
may be securely fixed upon thee, with
whom alone true joys are to be found for
evermore. *Amen.*

Or

Or,

O GOD ! who didst send thy messenger Jesus Christ to save us, by his preaching and example, from all iniquity, and make us thy children and heirs of eternal life ; grant, we beseech thee, that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves agreeably to his precepts ; that, when we shall appear before thy tribunal, we may be made like unto him, and be admitted to dwell with thee in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

The second Collect, for peace of mind.

O ALMIGHTY GOD ! give, we beseech thee, unto us, thy servants, that peace of mind which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be determined to obey thy commandments ; and, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, grant that we may pass our time in the practice of religion and virtue, through thy merciful aid, promised by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

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The third Collect, for defence against all perils.

O GOD ! the protector of all those who trust in thee, and with whom there is no darkness ; defend us, we beseech thee, from all the dangers and evil accidents of the approaching night, and preserve us, by thy watchful providence, in peace and safety, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *The following prayers are next to be read, in the order in which they are placed.*

For the whole christian church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving GOD ! who, by thine holy apostle, hast taught us to make supplications, and to give thanks for all men ; we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine majesty, beseeching thee that all those who profess the religion of Christ, may live in unity and brotherly love with each other. We beseech thee also, to preserve and defend all kings, princes, and governors, especially thy servant, George, our king ; that under him we may be peaceably governed. And grant unto his council,

cil, and unto all who are in public authority, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, in the punishment of wickedness and vice, and in the maintenance of religion and virtue. Give thy blessing, o heavenly father! to all the ministers of thy holy gospel, that they may, both by their life and preaching, successfully recommend the doctrine of eternal life assured unto us by the revelation of Jesus Christ. To all thy people extend thy favour, and especially to this congregation, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word, and serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We also most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, o merciful God! to comfort and succour all those, who, in this transitory world, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We also thank thee for all thy servants, who have departed this life in the holy reverence and love of thee; and we entreat thee to enable us to follow their good example, that we may finally be partakers, together with them, of thy heavenly kingdom. In
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these our requests, we beseech thee, o GOD ! to hear and to accept us as the sincere disciples of Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.

General thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! father of all mercies ! we, thy servants, give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men ; *(particularly to those, who desire now to offer up their praises and thanks for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.)* We thank thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in pointing out to us the means of obtaining thy favour and everlasting happiness by the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ. And, we beseech thee, give us that just sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may praise thee, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by devoting ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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Concluding prayer.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! who hast disposed us, at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications ; and hast especially encouraged us, by our lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee ; fulfil now, o thou giver of every good ! the desires and petitions of thy servants, in such manner as may be most expedient for them ; granting us, in this world, the knowledge of thy truth ; and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the minister.

MAY the favour of our lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 Cor. xvi. 23. *Philip.* iv. 23.

MAY the GOD of all favour, who hath called us to his everlasting glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us. To him be the glory and dominion for ever. *Amen.* 1 Pet. v. 10, 11.

MAY JEHOVAH bless us and preserve us;
may he be merciful unto us; and look
favourably upon us, now and for evermore.

Amen. Numb. vi. 24—26.

MAY the blessing of almighty GOD be
with us all for ever. *Amen.*

THE MORNING PRAYER,

ON SUCH DAYS AS THE LORD'S SUPPER IS
ADMINISTERED.

¶ *Let the minister and people read the following
selected psalm.*

PRAISE JEHOVAH ! for it is right and
good to sing praises unto our GOD.

2 Great is JEHOVAH ! his power and
wisdom are infinite.

3 He hath not dealt with us according
to our offences ; neither hath he recom-
pensed us according to our iniquities :

4 For he is kind and merciful ; slow to
anger and abundant in mercy.

5 The mercy of JEHOVAH is from ever-
lasting to everlasting unto those who re-
vere him ; and his kindness unto children's
children :

6 Unto such as keep his covenants, and
remember his commandments to do them.

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible,
the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel
of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

Minister.

GOD spake these words, saying :

I, JEHOVAH, am thy GOD : thou shalt have no other gods, beside me.

II Thou shalt not make to thyself any carved image, nor any other semblance, of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters below the earth. Thou shalt not bow thyself down to them, nor worship them : for I, JEHOVAH, thy GOD, am a jealous GOD, punishing the iniquity of fathers, when they disregard me, in their children, unto the third or fourth generation ; but showing mercy unto the thousandth, when they love me, and keep my commandments.

III Thou shalt not take the name of JEHOVAH, thy GOD, in vain : for JEHOVAH will not hold him guiltless, who taketh his name in vain.

IV Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day. Six days thou mayest labour, and do all thy work ; but the seventh day being the sabbath of JEHOVAH, thy GOD, no work shalt thou do on it : neither thyself,

self, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle; nor the sojourner that is within thy gates. For in six days JEHOVAH made the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, with all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested: for which reason, JEHOVAH hath blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

v Honour thy father and thy mother; that it may be well with thee, and that thy days may be prolonged upon the land which JEHOVAH, thy GOD, giveth to thee.

vi Thou shalt not commit murder.

vii Thou shalt not commit adultery.

viii Thou shalt not steal.

ix Thou shalt not give a false testimony against thy neighbour.

x Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife; nor shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, nor his field, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

HEAR also what our lord Jesus Christ saith: "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, o Israel! JEHOVAH is our GOD, JEHOVAH alone; and thou shalt love JE-

HOVAH, thy GOD, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark xii. 29—31. Luke x. 26—28.*

People.

O GOD! have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we besecch thee.

¶ *The following Litany, or general supplication, to be said by the minister and people.*

Let us pray.

O GOD! the father almighty! maker of heaven and earth, and of all things that are in them! the GOD and father of our lord Jesus Christ, and of all mankind! have mercy upon us thine offending creatures.

O GOD! the father almighty! maker of heaven and earth, and of all things that are in them! the GOD and father of our lord Jesus Christ, and of all mankind! have mercy upon us thine offending creatures.

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Remember not against us, O GOD ! our past offences ; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we may have deserved. Spare us, most merciful father ! spare thy people ; and have compassion on the work of thine hands.

Spare us, good LORD !

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from dangerous temptations, from thy wrath, and future condemnation ;

Good LORD ! deliver us.

• From all blindness of heart, from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and from all uncharitableness ;

Good LORD ! deliver us.

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul, and from all the deceitful allurements of this transitory world ;

Good LORD ! deliver us.

• From lightning and tempest ; from plague, pestilence, and famine ; from battle and murder, and from untimely death ;

Good LORD ! deliver us.

• From all sedition, secret conspiracy and rebellion ; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment ;

Good LORD ! deliver us.

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In the time of our adversity, and in the time of our prosperity ; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment ;

Good LORD ! deliver us.

We, thine offending creatures, do beseech thee to hear us, O JEHOVAH our GOD ! and that it may please thee to keep all thy sincere worshippers in the right way ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to direct and preserve in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant, George, our king and governor ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to guide his heart in the love and reverence of thee ; that he may evermore trust in thee, and seek thine honour and glory ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to be his defender and preserver ; and to prosper all his righteous undertakings ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to bless and preserve the queen, the prince and princess of Wales, and all the royal family ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That

That it may please thee to bless all the ministers of thy gospel, with the true knowledge and understanding of thy word ; and grant that, both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and recommend it accordingly ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to endue the members of both houses of parliament, and of the privy council, and all magistrates, with wisdom and integrity ; and to enable them to do justice and to preserve peace ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to give to all the nations of the world peace and concord ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to dispose us to love and reverence thee, and diligently to live agreeably to thy commandments ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of knowledge in thy word, that they may hear it with meekness and reverence, receive it with all sincerity, and bring forth the proper fruits of it in their lives ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !
That

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand ; to comfort and encourage the weak-hearted ; to raise up those who fall ; and, finally, to give unto all the victory over every temptation ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to succour, comfort and relieve all those who are in any kind of danger, distress, or tribulation ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to preserve all those who travel by land or by water ; all women labouring with child ; all sick persons, and young children, and to show compassion upon all prisoners and captives ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to defend and provide for all fatherless children, and widows, all who are desolate and oppressed, and, especially all those, who suffer for the truth, and for righteousness-sake ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD !

That it may please thee to bless and
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preserve, and to show mercy unto all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD!

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD!

That it may please thee to give, and preserve to our use, the fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD!

That it may please thee to accept our sincere repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to enable us to amend our lives according to thy holy word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD!

Minister. Glory be to GOD in the highest heavens;

People. And, the peace of his good-will to men on earth!

¶ *Then shall be read a lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; after which, the following portions of psalm CXIX. or psalm CIII.*

Psalm CXIX. (part 1 and 12.)

HAPPY are those who are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of JEHOVAH!

2 Happy

2 Happy are those who keep his testimonies ; and seek him with their whole heart !

3 For they commit no iniquity, who walk in his ways.

4 Thou, o god ! hast commanded us diligently to keep thy precepts.

5 Oh ! that my ways were so directed, that I might keep thy statutes !

6 So should I not be confounded, while I respected all thy commandments.

7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes : oh ! do not entirely forsake me.

9 O JEHOVAH ! thy word endureth for ever ; it is more firmly fixed than the heavens.

10 Thy truth also *remaineth* from one generation to another : thou didst lay the foundation of the earth, and it *remaineth* firm.

11 They continue unto this day, according to thine ordinance ; for all things obey thee.

12 If

12 If thy law had not been my delight,
I should have perished in mine affliction.

13 I will never forget thy commandments; for through them thou hast given me life.

14 I am thine; o save me! for I seek thy commandments.

15 The wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me: *but* I will attend to thy testimonies.

16 I see bounds and limits to every thing; but thy commandment is above measure extensive.

Now unto JEHOVAH! immortal, invisible, the only GOD;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

Or, psalm CIII.

PRAISE JEHOVAH! o my soul! and all the powers within me praise his holy name.

2 Praise JEHOVAH! o my soul! and forget not all his kindnesses.

3 Praise him, who forgiveth all thy sin; and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who rescueth thy life from destruction;

tion ; and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness ;

5 Who satisfieth thy future days with good ; so that thy youth is renewed like that of an eagle.

6 JEHOVAH executeth justice and judgment ; for all who are oppressed :

7 He shewed his ways unto Moses ; his works unto the children of Israel.

8 JEHOVAH is full of compassion and mercy ; slow to anger, and of great goodness :

9 He will not always be chiding ; neither will he threaten us for ever :

10 He dealeth not with us according to our sins ; neither repayeth us according to our iniquities :

11 But as the heavens extend over the earth ; so doth his mercy extend over those who fear him.

12 As far distant also as the east is from the west ; so far doth he remove our sins from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his own children ; even so doth JEHOVAH tenderly compassionate those who fear him :

14 For

14 For he knoweth well our frame ; he remembereth that we are dust.

15 The days of man are as grass ; he flourisheth ; as a flower of the field ;

16 Over which the wind no sooner passeth, than it is gone ; and the place where it grew owneth it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of JEHOVAH endureth for ever and ever upon those who fear him ; and his righteousness upon children's children ;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant ; and remember his commandments to practise them.

19 JEHOVAH hath prepared his throne in the heavens ; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Praise ye JEHOVAH ! o ye his angels ! ye who excel in strength ! ye who fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words !

21 Praise ye JEHOVAH ! o all ye his attendants ! his servants who execute his pleasure !

22 Praise ye JEHOVAH ! o all his works in all places of his dominion ! o my soul, praise ye JEHOVAH !

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¶ *Then shall be read a lesson taken out of the New Testament ; after which, the following psalm.*

Psalm XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of GOD,
and the firmament proclaimeth the works of
his hands.

2 Day after day poureth out instruction ;
and night after night conveyeth knowledge.

3 *They* [the heavens] *have* neither speech
nor language ; their voice is not heard :

4 *Yet* their sound goeth forth through
all lands ; and their words unto the end of
the world.

5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for
the sun, who cometh forth, like a bride-
groom, out of his chamber ; and rejoiceth,
like a strong man, to run his course :

6 He cometh forth from the uttermost
part of the heavens, his circuit is unto the
end of them ; so that nothing is hidden
from his heat.

7 *Thus* the law of JEHOVAH is per-
fect, recreating the soul of man ; the tes-
timony of JEHOVAH is true, teaching wis-
dom unto the simple.

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8 The statutes of JEHOVAH are right, rejoicing the heart : the commandments of JEHOVAH are clear, giving light to the mind :

9 The worship of JEHOVAH is pure, enduring for ever : the judgments of JEHOVAH are sure, and altogether righteous :

10 *They are* more desirable than gold, yea, than the finest gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

11 By them thy servant is instructed; and in keeping of them great is the reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offendeth? oh! preserve thou me clear of secret faults!

13 Preserve thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be guiltless, and free from transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O JEHOVAH! my rock and my deliverer! *Amen.*

Minister.

Let us pray.

OUR FATHER ! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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the desires and petitions of thy servants, in such manner as may be most expedient for them ; granting us, in this world, the knowledge of thy truth ; and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

MAY the favour of our lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 Cor. xvi. 23. *Phil.* iv. 23.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER,
OR, HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The minister shall say to those who come to receive the holy communion :*

YE, who do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours ; who intend to lead a religious and virtuous life, following the commandments of GOD, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, partake of this holy ordinance, instituted in commemoration of the ministry and death of our lord and master, Jesus Christ ; and make your humble confession to almighty GOD.

¶ *Then shall this general confession be made by the minister and people.*

ALMIGHTY GOD ! father of our lord Jesus Christ, and of all mankind ! judge of all men ! we acknowledge and lament the many sins and wickednesses, which we,
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from time to time, have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking, most justly, thy displeasure against us. We do earnestly repent of, and are heartily sorry for, these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful father! forgive us all that is past; and influence us, by the dispensations of thy providence, henceforward to serve and please thee, in holiness of life; to the honour and glory of thy name. *Amen.*

Minister.

ALMIGHTY GOD! our heavenly father! who, of thy great mercy, hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those, who heartily repent and turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The minister shall then say,*

HEAR the words which Jesus Christ saith to all, who truly turn unto him:

“Come

“Come unto me, all ye who labour with your heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” *Matt. xi. 28.*

“Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him will the son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own, and the glory of the father, and of the holy angels.” *Luke ix. 26.*

Again, “The son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.” *Luke xix. 10.*

HEAR also what the apostle Paul saith :

“It is a true doctrine, and worthy of all joyful acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We will lift them up unto GOD.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto JEHOVAH, OUR GOD.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is very meet, right, and our duty, that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O JEHOVAH! holy father! almighty, everlasting GOD!

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¶ *Here shall follow the proper preface, if there be any especially appointed; or else immediately shall follow,*

THEREFORE, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, JEHOVAH! GOD of the universe! heaven and earth are full of thy glory: glory be to thee, O GOD! most high! *Amen.*

Proper prefaces.

Upon Christmas-day.

BECAUSE thou didst commission thy servant Jesus to preach the terms of salvation to the world; therefore, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, JEHOVAH! GOD of the universe! heaven and earth are full of thy glory: glory be to thee, O GOD! most high! *Amen.*

Upon Easter-day.

BUT chiefly we are bounden to praise thee for the resurrection of Jesus Christ our lord from the grave, whereby we are confirmed
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in the hope that we ourselves shall be raised from death to everlasting life ; therefore, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, JEHOVAH ! GOD of the universe ! heaven and earth are full of thy glory : glory be to thee, O GOD most high !

¶ *The minister, standing before the table, shall read as follows ;*

THE apostle Paul hath given the following account of the institution of the lord's supper in his first epistle to the Corinthians (xi. 23—26.)

“ THE lord Jesus, on the night when he was going to deliver himself up, took bread ; and, when he had given thanks, brake it, and said—‘ Take, eat ; this is my body, which is given for you : do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same manner, also, he took the cup after supper : and said—‘ This cup is the new covenant of my blood : this do in remembrance of me.’ For, as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye make a declaration of the lord's death till he come.”

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then the minister shall read the following prayer.*

ALMIGHTY GOD! our heavenly father! by whose gracious assistance, our lord Jesus Christ was, for our benefit, obedient even to the suffering death upon the cross; and did institute and command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of such his death until his coming again: hear us, we most humbly beseech thee, O GOD! and grant, that we may receive this bread and wine, in grateful remembrance of his death and sufferings; and of thy great mercy to mankind, in authorizing him, thy chosen messenger, to turn us from darkness to light, from vice to virtue, from ignorance and error to the knowledge of thee, the only true GOD, in the knowledge of whom consisteth our hope and assurance of eternal life. *Amen.*

¶ *The minister shall first receive the communion in both kinds himself; and then proceed to deliver the same to the congregation. When he delivereth the bread, he shall say:*

TAKE, and eat this bread, in remembrance of Christ.

¶ *And*

¶ *And when he delivereth the cup, he shall say,*

TAKE, and drink this wine, in remembrance of Christ.

¶ *When all have communicated, the minister shall read as follows.*

O GRACIOUS GOD ! and heavenly father ! we, thy servants, earnestly desire thee, through thy great goodness, mercifully to accept this our religious service of praise and thanksgiving ; and humbly beseech thee to grant, that through thy mercy, and our own best endeavours to obey thy will, we may, agreeably to the gospel of Jesus Christ, obtain from thee the pardon of our sins, and everlasting life. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said by all present,*

GLORY be to GOD in the highest heavens, and the peace of his good-will to men on earth. We praise thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee for the various manifestations of thy great goodness, O JEHOVAH our GOD ! heavenly king ! father almighty !
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We praise and thank thee, for sending thy messenger Jesus Christ, into the world, to declare the terms of our salvation. We praise and thank thee, for the instructions he hath given us in his gospel, for the example he hath set before us in the integrity of his life, and for his plain declarations of thy gracious acceptance of all thy servants, who shall sincerely and heartily endeavour to know and do thy will and commandments. We praise and thank thee, for the final evidence thou hast given us of the divine authority of his mission by raising him to life, after an ignominious death upon the cross.

For thou only art wise, and holy, and good ; thou only art GOD ; thou only dost govern all things both in heaven and earth. Therefore, agreeably to the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ, praise, thanksgiving and adoration be given unto thee, and unto thee alone, now and for ever.
Amen.

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the minister.

MAY the GOD of all favour, who hath called us to his everlasting glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

MAY JEHOVAH bless us and preserve us; may he be merciful unto us; and look favourably upon us, now and for evermore. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24—26.

MAY the blessing of almighty GOD be with us all for ever. *Amen.*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM.

¶ *There may be for every child two or three sponsors ; who should most properly be parents or guardians.*

MY BRETHREN,

HEAR the words of our lord Jesus Christ to his apostles ;

“ Go ye, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into [or, with reference to] the name of the father, and of the son, and of the holy spirit.” *Matt. xxviii. 19.*

Hear also what the apostle Peter saith : “ Repent, and let every one of you be baptized into [or, with reference to] the name of Jesus Christ, for a remission of sins ; and ye will receive the gift of the holy spirit.” (*Acts ii. 38.*)

We also read, in the book of the acts of the apostles, that certain disciples were “ baptized into [or, with reference to] the name of the lord Jesus Christ.” *Acts xix. 5.*

And the same apostle writeth further ; that “ the baptism which saveth us is not a cleansing of filth of the body, but an answer of a good conscience unto GOD.” *1 Pet. iii. 21.*

¶ *The*

¶ *The minister, addressing himself to the sponsors present, shall say :*

Ye have brought *this child* hither to be baptized : I demand, therefore,

Will ye faithfully and earnestly exhort *this child* to renounce every thing that is evil, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires, and all vicious inclinations, so that *he* may not follow them, nor be led by them ?

Answer. I will.

Minister. Will ye instruct *him* in the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ ?

Answer. I will.

Minister. Will ye exhort *him* to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in them all the days of *his* life ?

Answer. I will.

¶ *The minister shall then take the child into his hands, and say to the sponsors :*

Name this child.

¶ *Then naming it after them, and either dipping ~~it~~ in the water, or sprinkling water upon it, he shall say ;*

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to] the name of the father, and of the son, and of the holy spirit."

Or, the following form may be used:

I baptize thee into [or, with reference to] the name of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed GOD! by whose providence the different generations of mankind are raised up to know thee, and to enjoy thy favour for ever; grant that *this child*, now dedicated to thee as the *disciple* of Jesus Christ our lord, may be endued with heavenly virtues, and be in the number of those who, through thy mercy, shall be everlastingly saved. For this end, we entreat thy blessing upon these thy servants, who have now solemnly engaged themselves to instruct *him* in thy holy truth; that they may be enabled to discharge their great trust with diligence and fidelity, and may have the comfort of beholding the fruits of their pious labours, in the virtuous improvement of their offspring under their care. Finally, we give thee humble thanks, ô heavenly

venly father! for having called us to the knowledge and belief of the gospel: increase this knowledge, and confirm this belief in us; that we may be enabled to correct all our corrupt and wicked affections, and daily proceed in the practice of religion and virtue, till we come to that eternal kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Exhortation to parents after baptism.*

BRETHREN,

THE design of receiving infants by baptism into the church of Christ is to remind parents of their duty to them in their innocent and helpless age, that they may train them up as his disciples, and the children of GOD; and that, as they have been the instruments of bringing them into this mortal life, they may have the comfort of contributing to their future happiness in a life which will never end.

Remember then that *this child* belongs to GOD who gave *him* to you, and intrusts you with *him*, that *he* may be educated and fitted for himself: and if, through your

criminal neglect, or bad example, his reasonable creature be lost, he will require *him* at your hands.

Instil, therefore, into *his* tender mind the knowledge, reverence, and love of GOD, the heavenly father and maker of all; and a deep sense of the duty which *he* owes to him. Acquaint *him* with his benevolent designs from the beginning, for the recovery of a degenerate and perishing world to their duty and happiness: and lead *him* to learn the mind and will of GOD for *his* salvation, from that inestimable treasure of wisdom, the holy scriptures, especially the words of Christ and his apostles; and not from the doctrines and inventions of men.

Check the first risings of envy and pride in *his* breast, by teaching *him* humility and a just knowledge of *himself*; that all he possesses, or hopes for, is from GOD, whose free bounty alone maketh the difference between his creatures. But, at the same time, inform *him* of the dignity of *his* nature; of the importance of reason, the light of GOD within *him*; by which *he* is to govern *himself*, to restrain *his* appetites and passions, to moderate *his* affections, to know the
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god that made *him*, to learn his will, and to become like unto him, holy, just, and good. Teach *him*, above all things, to abhor falsehood and lies; and to love and cultivate truth and integrity, which will make *him* amiable in the eyes of all, and acceptable to god. Tell *him*, that *he* is to love and do good to all men, because all are equally the children of god with *himself*, and the objects of his fatherly kindness and care: that *he* is born not for *himself* only, but for others; to serve *his* country and mankind by promoting truth, and virtue, and the public good.

To this early care of instructing your *child*, must be added your own invariable good example, that *he*, at no time, be witness to any words, or behaviour, inconsistent with virtue and innocence; and that the name of god, in particular, be never mentioned before *him*, but with the utmost seriousness and reverence: because it is by imitation chiefly that our characters are insensibly formed from our infancy, and the impressions then made are seldom effaced afterwards.

Be, therefore, thus watchful over this precious charge of heaven committed to

you, that it receive no injury in your hands, And sow in *him* betimes these seeds of piety, charity, sincerity, and all goodness: for otherwise the weeds of evil will spring up of course, in such a world as this, which it may be difficult afterwards to root out. And although no pains that you can take, will ensure success; yet, whatever happens, you will have discharged your duty, and not have the guilt and mortifying reflection of having contributed to the ruin and misery of those you love. But, if your labours are successful, and generally true is the wise man's remark, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it;" it will be a source of the highest and purest pleasure and satisfaction to you; and you will have the joy of leaving behind you those, who may do good in the world, when you shall be no more in it.

May the supreme father and governor of all things, direct and bless you in the faithful discharge of your duty, for his glory, the good of mankind, and the advancement of the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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¶ *Where there are other sponsors who present the child to be baptized, and not the parents, the minister may thus begin the exhortation :*

YE who have now undertaken the care of *this child*, which naturally belongs to the parents, must take heed and remember that *he* is also a *child* of GOD, for whom *he* is to be educated and fitted : and if, through your, &c.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM,

TO SUCH AS ARE OF RIPER YEARS, AND
ABLE TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES.

MY BRETHREN,

HEAR the words of our lord Jesus Christ to his apostles ;

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And the same apostle writeth further ;
“ The baptism which saveth us, is not a cleansing of the filth of the body, but an
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answer of a good conscience unto GOD."

1 *Pet.* iii. 21.

¶ *The minister, addressing himself to the person to be baptized, shall say ;*

You are come hither to be baptized : I demand, therefore,

Are you firmly and earnestly resolved to renounce every thing that is evil, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires, and all vicious inclinations, so that you will not follow them, nor be led by them ?

Answer. I am so resolved.

Minister. Do you believe Jesus of Nazareth to be the Christ ?

Answer. I believe it with my whole heart.

Minister. Will you be baptized into this belief ?

Answer. This is my desire.

Minister. Will you then obediently keep GOD's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life ?

Answer. I will endeavour so to do ; and I depend upon the blessing of GOD to assist and support me.

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then the minister shall dip him in the water, or sprinkle water upon him, saying;*

I baptize thee into [or, with reference to] the name of the father, and of the son, and of the holy spirit.

Or, the following form may be used;

I baptize thee into [or, with reference to] the name of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

OUR FATHER! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God! heavenly father! who spakest, in times past, unto

unto mankind by thy servants the prophets, but hast most fully manifested thy will and goodness to us, in these latter days, by thy servant Jesus Christ; look down, we pray thee, with thy favour upon this person, who hath now been baptized with water, and hath thereby declared *himself* a member of thy church and chosen family on earth, of which our lord Jesus Christ is the head. Bless *his* desire to comply with this ordinance, that, being purified from all evil by true repentance, *he* may be enabled constantly to walk before thee in virtue and holiness of life.

For this end, assist and bless *him* in his study of thy holy word, that he may receive thy instructions with meekness, and follow them with readiness; and also may labour to bring others to the knowledge of thy truth, that they may, through thy mercy, be saved by their obedience to thy will.

Give *him* power and strength to withstand the various temptations in the midst of which we are placed for our trial and improvement, that *he* may gain the victory over them; and, especially, let the glorious prospect of life and immortality assured

red unto us by the gospel, make *him* count all the riches, the pleasures, and the greatness of this world as nothing, when they would shake *his* integrity, or divert *him* from *his* obedience to thee. May the better knowledge of the scriptures lead him to add to his faith virtue; to virtue, knowledge, self-command, patience, piety, brotherly affection, universal love, that so he may continually improve in all goodness, and be found deserving of, and capable of enjoying, the future glory and felicities of thine heavenly and eternal kingdom, which, of thy great bounty, thou hast promised us by Christ our lord. *Amen.*

Exhortation.

CHRISTIAN BROTHER,

you have now made public profession of your belief in Christ, and of your intention to live as becometh his true disciple. And prayer hath been offered up to God for you, that it may please him to strengthen these your good purposes, that, by abiding in Christ, and following his doctrine, you may improve in the practice, and promote the
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better knowledge of truth and virtue in the world.

To accomplish this good work, you are, with diligence, and with earnest affection for the truth, to search the scriptures. They are a deep mine of hidden treasure to those who thus seek for it ; in which fresh stores of divine wisdom continually open themselves to the pious and honest inquirer, and furnish him with more clear and extensive knowledge of the will of GOD and of his own duty, and also with new and powerful motives to the practice of it.

By being baptized, you do not declare yourself of any religious sect or party ; but a christian. For you are baptized into, or, in other words, with reference to the name of Jesus Christ only ; not of Paul, or of Peter ; not of Athanasius, Arius or Socinus ; not of Arminius or of Calvin ; all of whom, though faithful servants of GOD, and eminent teachers and reformers in the christian church, were fallible mortals, and mistaken in many things ; and, therefore, are to be followed by us, no further than as they followed Christ, our common master, and taught the truth which he taught.

This is our lord's charge to his apostles,
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which belongs also to all his followers ;
 “ Every one, saith he, who shall confess
 me before men, I will also confess before
 my father, who is in heaven ; but, whosoever
 shall deny me before men, I will also de-
 ny before my father, who is in heaven.”

Matt. x. 32, 33.

You are, therefore, to make open pro-
 fession and acknowledgment of the divine
 truth of the gospel, so far as you have at-
 tained, or shall attain to it ; and, at no
 time, through indolence, or the fear of man,
 or for any worldly consideration whatsoever,
 are you to dissemble or shrink from it.

If, by the blessing of the heavenly father,
 you have escaped from darkness and grievous
 errors, in which others may be involved,
 you are to beware and guard against the
 being elated by such knowledge, so as to
 think worse of their final state before God,
 and better of your own, merely on that ac-
 count. For this will generate an unworthy
 pride and self-preference, and contempt of
 those who possess not the advantages which
 you enjoy. But, on the contrary, you ought
 to be the more humble, and to reflect, that
 it is not the splendour and abundance of
 the gifts of God, but the faithful use and
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application of them for your own personal purification and improvement, and the edification of others, that will make them of any real value to you, or recommend you to his favour at the last.

You will always bear in mind, that we are not Christ's true disciples, neither is our religion the religion of the gospel, if, in any respect, and especially on account of any difference of religious sentiments, it lead us to undervalue, despise, or evil-intreat any of our fellow-christians, or any of our brethren of mankind. For he hath expressly said; "I give a new commandment to you about loving one another; that, as I loved you, ye also love one another. By this will all *men* know, that ye are my disciples, if ye have *this* love one to another." *John* xiii. 34, 35.

Finally, forget not the teaching of the apostle, "that in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature;" that, as christians, all our knowledge and endowments are only to be esteemed in proportion as they make us wiser and better in our different relations in life; more pious and dutiful

dutiful to GOD; more just and kind to others; more strict in the virtuous government of ourselves, our appetites, our passions, and affections; and more extensively serviceable to others, in their present and future interests.

May the supreme father and governor of all things, direct and bless you in all your ways, that you may be finally approved by him, and be made a partaker of his heavenly and eternal kingdom, which he hath promised by Christ our lord. *Amen.*

THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

The form of publication of the banns of marriage.

I PUBLISH the banns of marriage between A— B— of C—, and D— E— of F—; if any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first [second, or third] time of publication.

¶ *When the persons to be married and their friends are assembled, the minister shall say;*

DEARLY BELOVED, we are gathered together here in the sight of GOD, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which state is commended by the apostle Paul as being honourable among all men. It is also a state of so much importance to the happiness of individuals, and,
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by consequence, to the happiness of the world, that none ought to engage in it unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of GOD.

¶ *Speaking unto the persons who are to be married, the minister shall say;*

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now declare it.

¶ *If no impediment be alleged, then shall the minister say unto the man;*

A— B—, WILT thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live with her according to GOD's ordinance, in the holy state of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, respect and provide for her, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all other, wilt thou attach thyself unto her alone, so long as ye both shall live?

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¶ *The man shall answer ;*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the minister say unto the woman ;*

D — E —, WILT thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live with him, according to GOD'S ordinance, in the holy state of matrimony ? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, respect and assist him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all other, wilt thou attach thyself unto him alone, so long as ye both shall live ?

The woman shall answer ;

I will.

¶ *The minister shall then ask ;*

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man ?

¶ *The father, or friend, of the woman shall answer ;*

I do.

¶ *The parties shall then engage themselves to each other in this manner :*

The minister, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the man with his right-hand to take the woman by her right-hand, and to say after him as follows ;

I A— B— take thee D— E— to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, according to GOD's holy ordinance, and the laws of this land, till death do separate us.

¶ *They shall then loose their bands, and the woman with her right-hand taking the man by his right-hand, shall likewise say after the minister ;*

I D— E— take thee A— B— to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, according to GOD's holy ordinance, and the laws of this land, till death do separate us.

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¶ *They shall again loose their bands, and the man shall put a ring upon the fourth finger of the woman's left-hand. And the man, holding the ring there, shall say;*

WITH this ring I thee wed ; and I do promise to attach myself to thee only, so long as we both shall live. *Amen.*

¶ *Both kneeling down, the minister shall say ;*

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL GOD ! creator and preserver of all mankind ! bestow thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, that they may faithfully observe and perform the engagement and covenant mutually made between them ; and live in perfect peace and love together, agreeably to the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *The minister shall then join their right-hands together, and say ;*

THOSE whom GOD hath permitted to be joined together in holy matrimony, let no man put asunder.

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¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall the minister declare as follows;*

FORASMUCH as A— B— and D— E— have consented to live together in holy matrimony, and have witnessed the same before GOD, and this company, and have engaged and pledged themselves each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together. *Amen.*

¶ *The minister.*

Let us pray.

OUR FATHER ! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister.

Minister. O JEHOVAH ! bless these thy servants :

Answer. Who put their trust in thee.

Minister. Preserve them from all evil ;

Answer. And evermore defend them.

Minister. O JEHOVAH ! hear our petition ;

Answer. And let our prayer come unto thee.

Minister.

O MERCIFUL GOD and heavenly father ! bless, we pray thee, these thy servants, and lead them to practise whatsoever they shall profitably learn from thy holy word, that they may not only know, but do, thy will. And, if it shall be thy good pleasure to raise unto them a family, grant that they may live so long together in true love and honesty, that they may see their children virtuously brought up in the christian religion, and, that, finally, they, together with them, may become inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom, promised unto all thy faithful and obedient servants, by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *He shall then add this blessing ;*

MAY GOD almighty protect and preserve you ; may he mercifully look upon you with his favour ; and may ye so live together in this life, that, in the world to come, ye may inherit life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Exhortation to the parties after marriage.*

IT will become you to consider seriously the sacred and important engagement into which you have now entered. Marriage is the union of one man with one woman, and was ordained for the advancement of their mutual happiness, for the better continuance of the human kind, and for the more religious and virtuous education of children. It was intended, by the benevolent parent of mankind, to be a source of the purest satisfactions ; to soften the unavoidable cares, and to increase the innocent pleasures of life, by affording the opportunity of sharing them with a most intimate friend and partner. By christians, in particular, it is to be regarded as a state
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of perfect and indissoluble friendship, in which you are to carry your affection for each other beyond the grave, that you may so live in virtue and holiness here, that you may live hereafter in that state, "where there will be no marrying nor giving in marriage, but you will be as angels of God in heaven."

Study, therefore, to correct whatever is amiss in your respective tempers and dispositions, that may disturb your mutual love and peace, and hinder your progressive virtuous improvements. Be severe censors of yourselves : and exact not too much one from the other ; but bear with each other's infirmities. None are faultless, but all are to endeavour to reform and improve themselves. Cultivate in yourselves, and in each other, the knowledge and practice of virtue and true religion, as the only foundation of present comfort and future hopes. Study the scriptures, and the precepts and example of Jesus Christ, who alone hath satisfied us of the existence of eternal life. Be not extravagant in your expectations from the world ; for, though it be filled with many innocent joys and pleasures, it is not, nor is
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it intended to be, a place of unmixed prosperity and enjoyment ; but a transitory scene of trial and improvement for a better and more enduring state.

Another great end of marriage is the better ordering of families and the more religious and virtuous education of children. This is a matter of the highest moment. For families are the nurseries and schools, in which the successive generations of men are to be instructed, and fitted for their different stations and employments in life. It is in the seminaries of domestic life, that each learns to bear his part in all relative duties, and to be helpful to others : to become good citizens, useful magistrates ; faithful husbands, virtuous wives ; patterns of all that is excellent and worthy in every relation. Of a number of families united, nations are composed : and of all of them together, the whole community of mankind. And as these little seminaries are well tutored and governed, or neglected ; nations, and the world at large, are happy or miserable.

Be careful, therefore, to set an example of piety and virtue yourselves ; and then
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you may, with authority, require those who belong to you to follow it. Let the GOD of heaven be acknowledged and worshipped each day in your families. Keep a strict watch over all who depend upon you ; and suffer no vice to go unproved. By this domestic care, and religious discipline, you may be a blessing to your family, your neighbours, and your country ; and will be approved by almighty GOD, and ranked with prophets and apostles in that future world, where, we are told, that "those, who have wisely instructed, shall shine like the splendour of the firmament ; and those, who have made many righteous, like the stars for ever and ever." *Dan. xii. 3.*

THE THANKSGIVING OF
WOMEN AFTER CHILD-BIRTH.

¶ *The woman, at the usual time after her delivery, kneeling down, the minister shall say unto her;*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased almighty GOD, of his goodness, to give you a safe deliverance, and to preserve you in the great danger of child-birth; give, therefore, hearty thanks unto him, and say;

Part of psalm cxvi.

I REJOICE, because JEHOVAH hath heard the voice of my prayer.

2 I will call upon him as long as I live, because he hath inclined his ear unto me.

3 The snares of death surrounded me, and the toils of the grave surprised me:

4 When I found trouble and heaviness, I called upon the name of JEHOVAH; saying, O JEHOVAH! I beseech thee, deliver my life.

5 JEHOVAH

5 JEHOVAH is gracious and righteous ;
yea, our GOD is merciful.

6 JEHOVAH preserveth the simple ; I
was brought very low, and he saved me.

7 Return *then* unto thy rest, o my
soul ! since JEHOVAH hath been gracious
unto thee.

8 For my life is delivered from death,
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from
falling ; that I may walk before thee in the
land of the living.

9 What return shall I make unto JE-
HOVAH for all his kindness to me ?

10 I will receive the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of JEHOVAH.

11 I will pay my vows unto JEHOVAH,
before all his people now present.

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, in-
visible, the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel
of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

Or, psalm CXXVII.

UNLESS JEHOVAH build the house, their
labour is but lost who build it.

2 Unless JEHOVAH keep the city, the
watchman waketh but in vain.

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3 It is in vain for you to rise up early to labour, and to go late to rest, *and* to eat the bread of carefulness, *unless* JEHOVAH bless your endeavours: but he giveth to his beloved, *even* while they sleep.

4 Lo ! children, the fruit of the womb, are an heritage and gift that cometh from JEHOVAH.

5 Like as arrows in the hand of the mighty man, even so are young children :

6 Happy is the man who hath his quiver filled with them : they shall not be put to shame, when they treat with their enemies in the city gate.

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the minister shall say ;*

Let us pray.

OUR FATHER ! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread ; and
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forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Minister. O GOD! bless this woman thy servant;

Answer. Who putteth her trust in thee.

Minister. O JEHOVAH! hear our petition;

Answer. And let our prayer come unto thee.

Minister.

O ALMIGHTY GOD! the father of mercies! the GOD of all consolation! we present unto thee our unfeigned thanks, for having vouchsafed to deliver this woman, thy servant, from the great pain and danger of child-birth: give her such a due sense, O GOD! of thy kindness and gracious dealings with her, that a constant and grateful remembrance of thy goodness, may dispose her to a cheerful obedience to thy laws; that she, through thine assistance, may live according

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according to thy will in this present life ;
and may, finally, be partaker of everlasting
glory in the life to come, promised unto us
by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

MAY JEHOVAH bless us and preserve us ;
may he be merciful unto us, and look fa-
vourably upon us, now and for evermore.
Amen.

THE

THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

¶ *The minister shall begin with saying,*

MAY the blessing of almighty GOD be upon this family.

¶ *And he shall exhort the sick person as follows;*

DEARLY BELOVED, know this, that almighty GOD is the lord and giver of life and death, and all things appertaining to them, as youth and age, strength and weakness, health and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness be, assure yourself that it is GOD's dispensation towards you. And, for what cause soever this sickness be permitted, or sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience and trust in GOD, for the example of others; or, to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend your heavenly father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in GOD's mercy, declared by Jesus Christ; and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly dispensation, submitting yourself
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wholly unto his will ; it shall turn to your benefit, and assist and forward you in the way that leadeth unto everlasting life, as we are fully assured by the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *The minister may, if he think proper, proceed in his exhortation.*

TAKE, therefore, in good part, the chastisement of JEHOVAH, OUR GOD, for (as the apostle Paul saith) “ whom the LORD loveth, he chastiseth ; and scourgeth every son, whom he receiveth. Bear *your* chastisement with patience : GOD is dealing with you, as with sons ; for, what son is there, whom his father chasteneth not ? So then, if ye be without chastisement, of which all *sons* have partaken, then are ye a spurious race, and not *lawful* sons. Besides, have our natural fathers chastised us, and we paid them reverence ; and shall we not much more submit ourselves to *our* spiritual father, and live for ever ? For they indeed, with a view to a short life, *and* after their own humour, used to chastise *us* : but he, for our good ; that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.” [*Heb. xii. 6—10.*]

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These words, my *brother*, are written in holy scripture for our comfort and instruction ; that we should, with patience and thanksgiving, bear our heavenly father's correction, whensoever it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us with any kind of affliction or adversity. And there should be no greater comfort to christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ by patiently suffering adversities, troubles, and sicknesses : for he was not received into joy without having first suffered pain ; he entered not into his glory, before he was crucified. So true it is, that our way to obtain eternal life, is to pass through the discipline, the trials, and the sufferings of this present life, with the patience and resignation with which Christ passed through them before us ; and, finally, to obtain their acceptance by our repentance of our past offences, by our obedience to thy laws, and by our resignation to thy will.

¶ *Then shall be said the following prayers.*

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful GOD !
behold, and relieve this thy servant. Look
upon *him* with compassion ; give *him* com-
fort,

fort, and sure confidence in thee ; support *him* under all the trials of *his* present sickness, assuage *his* pains, if it seem good unto thee, and preserve *him* in peace and safety, through thy great mercy declared unto us by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD ! the creator and governor of all mankind ! who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive : we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant, and grant that *he* may bear thy dispensation with patience and resignation. Prepare *him* for whatever, in thy wise and righteous providence, thou hast appointed for *him* ; that he may have cause to praise and thank thee for *his* present sufferings, and be satisfied, that thou, O GOD ! hast, from thine abounding kindness alone, permitted, or caused *him* to be afflicted. Hear our prayers, and grant our requests, according to thine abounding goodness, declared in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

HEAR US, almighty and most merciful GOD ! and extend thine accustomed goodness to

to this thy servant, who is afflicted with sickness. Improve, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction, that a just sense of *his* various infirmities may add strength to *his* confidence in thee, and seriousness to *his* repentance; that, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in the love and reverence of thee: or, else, give *him* patience and fortitude to meet the approach of death with composure and true penitence of mind, that, after this painful life is ended, *he* may live with thee in life everlasting, according to thy gracious assurances by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For a sick child.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, and merciful father! to whom alone belong the events of life and death: regard with mercy, we humbly beseech thee, this child now lying upon the bed of sickness: deliver *him*, in thy good time, from *his* bodily pain, and improve this thy fatherly dispensation, that, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* life in this world, *he* may truly love and serve thee, and do good in *his* generation: or, else, receive

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him to thyself among those, who have been obedient to thy will, and who shall be raised by thee to endless life and happiness. Grant this, o GOD! through thy great mercy declared unto us by Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *For a sick person, when there appeareth small hope of recovery.*

O FATHER of mercies and GOD of all comfort! our only help in time of need! we apply unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying grievously afflicted with great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*; and the more his bodily frame decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more with thy favour in the disposition of his mind. Lead *him*, by the consideration of his state and circumstances here, to an unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* past life, and a firm reliance on thy mercy: and forgive all his offences. We know, o GOD! that there is no work impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet restore *him*, and grant *him* a longer continuance among us. Yet, forasmuch as, from all appearance, the time of *his* dissolution draweth near; so fit
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and prepare *him*, we entreat thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *he* may, in thine appointed time, be received into thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Commendatory prayer for a sick person at the point of departure.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD ! with whom the spirits of just men made perfect shall live for ever: we humbly commend this thy servant, our *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful creator, and most merciful judge. And teach us who survive, to see, in this, and other the like instances of mortality, the frailty and uncertainty of our own condition ; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may, in the end, bring us to life everlasting, according to thy gracious promises by Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For persons troubled in mind or in conscience.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD ! the father of mercies, and the GOD of all comforts ! we beseech thee, look with compassion upon this thine afflicted servant. Thou permittest *his* former offences severely to afflict *him* ; and *his* mind is full of trouble. But, o merciful GOD ! who hast caused thy holy word to be written for our learning and improvement, that, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, we might have hope ; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises ; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where, but in thy mercy and forgiveness. Give *him* strength, o GOD ! under all *his* trials, and heal all *his* troubles. Preclude *him* not from thy mercy, but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that *he* may rejoice. Deliver *him* from all disquieting fears, and give *him* peace now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Concluding*

¶ *Concluding prayer.*

UNTO GOD's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. O JEHOVAH! bless and preserve *him*. O GOD! be gracious unto *him*; and give *him* peace both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THE

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *The minister meeting the corpse at the entrance of the church-yard or burying-ground: or when it is brought into the church, shall say;*

“I AM the resurrection unto life;” saith our lord: “he, who believeth on me, though he be dead, will live: and no man living, who believeth on me, will die for ever.” *John xi. 25, 26.*

“WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.”

“JEHOVAH gave, JEHOVAH hath taken away; praised be the name of JEHOVAH.”

1 *Tim. vi. 7. Job i. 21.*

¶ *Afterwards shall be read one, or both, of the following psalms;*

Psalm xxxix.

I SAID: “I will take heed unto my ways, that I offend not with my tongue.

2 “I will keep my mouth, as it were with a bridle, while the wicked are in my sight.”

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3 So I was dumb, *and remained in silence*; I refrained from *speaking even what was good*, but my sorrow increased:

4 Mine heart grew hot within me; *at last*, the heat increased, and I spoke with my tongue, *and said*:

5 "Make known unto me, O JEHOVAH! mine end, and how short the number of my days, that I may know how perishable I am.

6 "Lo! thou hast made my days, as it were, a span long, and mine age is even as nothing before thee: surely, every man, at best, is altogether vanity.

7 "Surely, man walketh after a shadow, and needlessly disquieteth himself; he accumulath *riches*, but knoweth not who shall inherit them.

8 "What then, O JEHOVAH! is mine hope? Truly my whole hope is from thee.

9 "Oh! acquit me from all my transgressions; and suffer me not to be the reproach of the fool.

10 "I was silent, and opened not my mouth; because thou so ordainedst it.

11 "But remove thy chastisement from me; I am consumed by a stroke of thine hand.

12 "When

12 "When thou correctest man for iniquity, thou makest his desirable things to consume like a cancer; surely, every man is altogether vanity.

13 "Hear my supplication, O JEHOVAH! incline thine ear unto my cry; be not regardless of my tears.

14 "For I am a stranger with thee; a sojourner, like all my forefathers.

15 "O spare me! that I may recover my strength before I go hence, and be no more *seen*."

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible, the only GOD;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

Or, psalm xc.

JEHOVAH! thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art GOD.

3 Thou turnest mortal man to the dust,
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when thou sayest, "Return, ye sons of men:"

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, when they are past; or as a watch of the night.

5 Thou refreshest them with sleep; and, in the morning, they are like the springing grass;

6 Which is green and flourishing; but, before the evening, is cut down, and withered.

7 So are we consumed by thy displeasure; and carried off by thine indignation.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 All our days are passed away through thine anger; we bring our years to an end, like, *as it were*, a tale *that is told*.

10 The days of our age are three-score and ten years; and if by *reason of our strength we come to fourscore years*, yet their increase is but labour and sorrow: for we are soon cut off, and sink *into the grave*.

11 Yet, who regardeth the vehemence
of

of thine anger ; or the terribleness of thy displeasure ?

12 Teach us to number our days aright ; and we shall bring our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return unto us, O JEHOVAH ! at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants ;

14 O satisfy us speedily with thy mercy ; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Comfort us according to the days thou hast afflicted us, *and* according to the years we have suffered adversity.

16 Show thy work unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children :

17 And let the glorious countenance of JEHOVAH OUR GOD be upon us ; O prosper thou the work of our hands !

Now unto JEHOVAH, immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

The minister.

The following portion of scripture is selected to be read, as being suitable to the present

present occasion, and is taken from the fifteenth chapter of the first epistle of the apostle Paul to the *Corinthians*, beginning at the twentieth verse.

CHRIST hath been raised from *the* dead, and become the first fruits of them
21 who sleep. For, since by a man *came* death, by a man *will* also come a resur-
22 rection of the dead. For, as by means of Adam all die ; even so by means of
23 Christ will all be made alive. (But every one in the class to which he belongeth ; Christ the first fruits ; afterward they who are Christ's at his
24 coming. Then shall come the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to *his* GOD and father ; after he shall have put down all pre-eminence, and all authority and
25 power : for he will reign till all enemies are put under his feet. The
26 greatest enemy shall be destroyed—
27 *even* death : for all things are put under his feet. But, when it is said, 'all things are put under *him*,' it is plain that *this* is in addition to *their* subjection to HIM who put all things under
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- 28 under him. But when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the son also himself be subject unto HIM who put all things under him, that GOD may be every thing with all.)
- 29 Else, what shall they gain who are baptized on account of dead *instructors*? If the dead assuredly will not be raised, why are they baptized on ac-
- 30 count of these men? Why do we also run into danger of this baptism every
- 31 hour? *I protest*, by the boasting which I maintain in Christ Jesus our lord, I die
- 32 daily. If I, with human strength only, engaged with wild beasts at Ephesus, of what advantage could it be to me?
- 33 If the dead will not be raised, 'Let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we
- 34 die.' Be not deceived. 'Evil connections corrupt good morals.' Be thoughtful, as ye ought to be, and sin not: for some of you have no knowledge of GOD. I speak this with a view to your reformation.
- 35 But some one will say, How are the dead to be raised? and, with what
- 36 body are they to come? Inattentive man!

man ! That which thou sowest is not
37 brought to life, except it die. And,
that which thou sowest, thou sowest
not the body which will be produced ;
but a bare corn, perhaps of wheat, or
38 of some other *grain*. But god giveth
it a body as it pleaseth him ; and to
39 every seed its peculiar body. All flesh
is not the same flesh : but *there is* one
flesh of men ; and another flesh of
beasts, and another of fishes, and
another of birds. *There are* both ce-
40 lestial bodies and bodies terrestrial : but
the splendor of the celestial *is* one, and
the splendor of the terrestrial *is* another.
41 *There is* one splendor of the sun, and
another splendor of the moon, and
another splendor of the stars. Nay,
even one star differeth from another
42 star in splendor. Thus will it be in
the resurrection of the dead. We are
43 born in corruption ; we shall be raised
in incorruption : we are born in disho-
nour ; we shall be raised in glory : we
are born in weakness ; we shall be raised
44 in power. An animal body is born ; a
spiritual body will be raised. There is

an animal body, and there is a spiritual
45 body. Thus, indeed, it is written, 'The
first man, Adam, attained to animal
life : ' the last Adam *was made* a spirit
46 that had life in itself *. Nevertheless,
that was not first which is spiritual ; but
47 that which is animal ; and afterwards
that which is spiritual. The first man,
born of the earth, was composed of dust ;
the second man, from heaven, was hea-
48 venly. As was the earth-born man,
such are they also who are earth-born :
and as is the heavenly, such will be they
49 also that are heavenly. And, as we
have borne resemblance to the earth-
born, we shall also bear resemblance to
the heavenly.

50 I mean this, brethren ;—that flesh and
blood cannot inherit the kingdom of
GOD ; neither can corruption inherit
51 incorruption. Behold ! I tell you a
mystery. All of us, indeed, shall not
52 sleep : but we shall all be changed, in a
moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at
the last trumpet ; for a trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised incorruptible ;

* John v. 26.

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53 and we shall be changed. For this
 corruptible must be clothed with incor-
 54 clothed with immortality. But, when
 this corruptible shall be clothed with
 incorruption ; and this mortal shall be
 clothed with immortality ; then will
 55 that scripture be fulfilled, " Death will
 be swallowed up for ever." (*Isa.* xxv.
 8.) O death ! where *is* thy sting ? O
 56 grave ! where *is* thy victory ? The sting-
 of death, is sin : and the power of sin,
 57 is the law. But thanks be to GOD,
 who giveth us victory, through Jesus
 58 Christ our lord ! Therefore, my belov-
 ed brethren, be ye stedfast, immove-
 able, always abounding in the work of
 the lord ; knowing, through the lord,
 that your labour will not be in vain.

¶ *When the persons who attend the body are come
 to the grave, and the corpse is laid into the
 earth, the minister shall say ;*

MAN that is born of a woman hath but
 a short time to live, and is full of trou-
 ble : he cometh up, and is cut down like
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a flower; he fleeth like a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life, we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour but of thee, o GOD! who, for our sins, art justly displeased?

Thou knowest, o JEHOVAH! the secrets of our hearts; mercifully hear our prayers; spare us, o most mighty, most holy, and most merciful GOD! thou supreme judge of all! suffer us not, at our last hour, to be without hope, or to fall from thee: neither deliver us unto future condemnation.

¶ While the earth shall be cast upon the body by some person standing by, the minister shall say;

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased almighty GOD to take unto himself our *brother*, now departed; we, therefore, commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in a well assured hope that there will be to all those, who die in the fear and love of GOD, a joyful resurrection to eternal life, agreeably to the gospel of our
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lord Jesus Christ ; when our mortal body will be changed, and made like unto his glorious body ; and we shall become the subjects of his heavenly kingdom.

¶ *Then shall be said ;*

“ I HEARD a voice from heaven,” saith the apostle John, “ saying unto me ; Happy *are* the dead, who die in *the* lord, henceforth ! Even so, saith the spirit, in resting from their labours ; and their works go with them.” *Rev. xiv. 13.*

¶ *Then the minister shall say ;*

OUR FATHER ! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect.

O MERCIFUL GOD ! who, by the resurrection of our lord Jesus Christ, hast “brought life and immortality” more clearly “to light ;” and hast also taught us, by the apostle Paul, “not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those, who sleep in him :” we humbly beseech thee, o father ! to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness ; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in the christian hope ; and that, at the general resurrection, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing, which he, whom thou hast appointed to judge the world in righteousness, shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, “Come, blessed *children* of my father ! receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.” Grant this, o heavenly father ! of thine infinite mercy and goodness. *Amen.*

MAY JEHOVAH bless us and preserve us ; may he be merciful unto us, and look favourably upon us, now and for evermore. *Amen.* *Numb. vi. 24—26.*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS TO BE USED AT SEA.

¶ *The Morning and Evening prayer, to be used daily at sea, may be the same which is appointed in this book of common-prayer; these two following collects being read instead of the first appointed in the daily service.*

The Collect.

ASSIST us, o almighty GOD! in all our actions with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that all our works may be begun, continued, and ended according to thy will, and that we may evermore love and reverence thine holy name; and, finally, through thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, as it hath been promised by Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.

O ETERNAL GOD! who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; be pleased to receive into thine almighty and most gracious protection, the persons of us thy servants, and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence

of the enemy ; that we may be a safeguard unto our country, and a security to such as pass on the waters upon their lawful occasions ; that the inhabitants of our islands may, in peace and quietness, serve thee our god ; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours ; and, with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies, to praise and thank thee, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Prayers to be used in storms at sea.*

O MOST gracious and powerful GOD ! at whose command the winds blow, and lift up the waves of the sea, and who stillest their rage ; we, thine offending creatures, do, in this our great distress, cry unto thee, with penitent hearts, for thine assistance and protection. Save us, o merciful GOD ! or else we perish. We confess, that, when we have seen all things quiet about us, and have thought ourselves in safety, we have forgotten thee, our GOD, and refused to hearken to the still voice of thy word, and to obey thy commandments. But now we
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are made thoroughly sensible how terrible thou art in all thy wonderful works ; and that thou, the great and only GOD, art to be feared above all : and, therefore, we adore thy divine majesty, we acknowledge thy power, and we implore thy goodness. O JEHOVAH ! of thine infinite mercy and goodness, save us, or else we perish. *Amen.*

Or this :

O MOST gracious and powerful GOD ! who dwellest in heaven, but beholdest all things below ; look down, we beseech thee, and deliver us from the dreadful danger which now threatens us with destruction. Save us, O merciful GOD ! or else we perish. Rebuke the raging winds, and the roaring sea ; that we, being delivered from this distress, may live to serve thee, and to praise thy name all the days of our life. O JEHOVAH ! of thine infinite mercy and goodness, save us, or else we perish. *Amen.*

¶ *A prayer to be said before a fight at sea.*

O MOST gracious GOD ! the sovereign lord of the whole creation ! who rulest and commandest

mandest all things! Thou sittest on thy throne judging right; and, therefore, we make our address to thy divine majesty in this our necessity, that thou wouldest take the cause into thine own hand, and judge between us and our enemies. Stir up thy strength, O JEHOVAH! and help us; for thou givest not alway the battle to the strong, but canst save by many or by few. O! let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance; but hear us, thy penitent servants, who entreat thy mercy, and implore thy aid and defence against the face of the enemy. Make it appear that thou art our mighty deliverer. *Amen.*

¶ *Short prayers for single persons that cannot meet to join in prayer with others, by reason of the fight, or storm.*

¶ *General prayers.*

O GOD! be merciful unto us, pardon our sins, and save us for thy mercy's sake.

Thou art JEHOVAH, who hast made and rulest all things: O deliver us from the impending danger. Thou art the great GOD to be feared above all: O save us! that we may praise thee.

¶ *Special*

¶ *Special prayers with respect to the enemy.*

Thou, O JEHOVAH ! art just and powerful.

O save us from the violence of the enemy, and defend our cause against the force opposed to us.

O JEHOVAH ! fight for us, and deliver us.

¶ *Collects of thanksgiving.*

O MOST kind and merciful GOD ! who art infinitely good ; we thy creatures, whom thou hast made and preserved, (holding us in life, and 'now rescuing us from death,) humbly present ourselves before thy divine majesty, to offer our praise and thanksgiving, for thou heardest us when we called in our trouble, and didst regard our prayer which we addressed unto thee in our great distress. Thou hast mercifully looked upon us, and wonderfully commanded our deliverance ; for which, we give all praise and thanks unto thee, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Or

Or this :

O MOST mighty and gracious GOD ! thy mercy is over all thy works, but, in an especial manner, hath been extended towards us, whom thou hast so powerfully and wonderfully defended. Thou hast showed us terrible things, and we have seen thy power upon the deep, that we might learn how great and gracious a GOD thou art ; how able and ready to assist those who trust in thee. Thou hast showed us, that both winds and seas obey thy command ; that we may learn, even from them, to obey thy voice, and to do thy will, during the remaining days of our lives. We, therefore, praise and thank thee for this thy mercy in saving us, when we were ready to perish. And, we beseech thee, make us as truly sensible now of thy mercy, as we were then of our danger : and influence our hearts to be always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, by being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech thee, this thy goodness to us ; that
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we, whom thou hast so lately preserved, may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A psalm of praise and thanksgiving after a dangerous tempest.*

1 O COME ! let us give thanks unto JEHOVAH, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Great is JEHOVAH, and greatly to be praised; he hath delivered us from the merciless rage of the sea.

3 The sea roared ; and the stormy wind lifted up its waves.

4 The waters of the sea had well nigh covered us ; the proud waters had well nigh gone over us.

5 We were carried up as it were to heaven, and then down again into the deep: our hearts melted within us, because of trouble.

6 Then cried we unto thee, O JEHOVAH ! and thou didst deliver us out of our distress.

7 Thou didst send forth thy commandment ; and the stormy wind ceased, and was turned into a calm.

8 Thanks

8 Thanks be unto thee, who didst not despise, but heardest the prayer of thy servants; and hast saved us.

9 O let us ! therefore, praise JEHOVAH for his goodness; and declare the wonders which he hath done, and still doeth, for the children of men.

10 He is our GOD, even the GOD from whom cometh salvation : JEHOVAH is GOD, by whom we have escaped death.

Now unto JEHOVAH ! immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

A psalm of praise and thanksgiving after victory.

IF JEHOVAH had not been on our side, now may we say ; if JEHOVAH himself had not been on our side, when the enemy were opposed against us ;

2 They had swallowed us up alive, when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

3 But praised be JEHOVAH ; who hath not given us over as a prey unto them.

4 JEHOVAH hath wrought a mighty deliverance for us.

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5 We gat not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that saved us : but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto us.

6 JEHOVAH hath appeared on our behalf; JEHOVAH hath confounded and overthrown our enemies.

7 Therefore, not unto us, O JEHOVAH ! not unto us ; but unto thee, and unto thee alone, be praise and thanks from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

Now unto JEHOVAH ! immortal, invisible, the only GOD ;

Be honour and glory, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then this Collect.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD ! the supreme governor of the world, whose power is irresistible; we praise and thank thee for our happy success, the whole glory of which we wholly ascribe unto thee, who art the only giver of victory. And, we beseech thee, lead us to improve this great mercy to the benefit of our country, and, as much as in us lieth,
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to the good of all mankind. Give us, also, such a sense of this great mercy, that we be truly thankful for our success, and that our gratitude may appear in our lives, by an humble and holy obedience unto thee all our days, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. Now unto thee be ascribed, for all thy mercies, and in particular for this victory and deliverance, all glory, honour and praise, o father almighty! for ever. *Amen.*

MAY JEHOVAH bless us and preserve us; may he be merciful unto us, and look favourably upon us, now and for evermore. *Numb. vi. 24—26.*

At the burial of their dead at sea,

The foregoing office, for the burial of the dead, may be used, only instead of these words [we therefore commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,] may be said;

We, therefore, commit his body to the deep, until the sea shall give up its dead; in a well assured hope that there will be
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to all those, who die in the fear and love of GOD, a joyful resurrection to eternal life, agreeably to the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ; when our mortal body will be changed, and made like unto his glorious body; and we shall become the subjects of his heavenly kingdom.

OCCASIONAL
PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS
UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

¶ *To be used before the two final prayers of morning and evening prayer.*

PRAYERS.

¶ *For rain.*

O GOD ! our heavenly father ! who hast promised, by Jesus Christ, to all those who love and obey thee, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth for our maintenance and comfort; and grant, that we may shew our thankfulness to thee by our increased obedience to thy holy laws, which thou hast given us in the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For*

¶ *For fair weather.*

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful GOD ! although we, for our iniquities, deserve thy chastisement ; yet, we trust, that upon our repentance, thou wilt send us such weather, that we may receive the fruits of the earth in their due season ; and learn, from all thy dispensations, to amend our lives ; and, for thy clemency, to give thee praise and thanks, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *In the time of dearth and famine.*

O GOD ! heavenly father ! whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth is fruitful ; that the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fishes of the sea increase and multiply ; behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people ; and grant, that the scarcity and dearth which we now suffer, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty, that we may be preserved to praise and thank thee for this, and for all thy mercies to us, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ our lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the time of war and tumults.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD! king of kings, and governor of all things! whose power no creature is able to resist; to whom it justly belongeth to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those, who truly repent; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; suffer them not to be thy scourge unto us, but scatter them by thy almighty power, and defeat all their attempts against us; that we, being assisted with thy defence, may be preserved from all perils, to praise and thank thee, who art the only giver of all victory.
Amen.

¶ *In the time of the plague, or other common sickness.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD! have compassion upon us, thine offending creatures, who are now visited with great sickness and mortality. Be pleased, O JEHOVAH! upon our penitent and humble supplication, to withdraw from us this grievous sickness; and, from the abundance of thy mercy, to bless us with returning health, and joy, and thankfulness. *Amen.*

THANKS-

THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *For rain.*

O GOD! our heavenly father! who, by thy gracious providence, dost cause the rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; we give thee humble thanks, that it hath pleased thee, in our great necessity, to send us a joyful rain, and to refresh and fertilize the earth; to the great comfort of us thy servants, who desire to praise and thank thee for thy seasonable and great kindness.
Amen.

¶ *For fair weather.*

O GOD! who hast mercifully relieved and comforted us by a seasonable and happy change of weather; we praise and thank thee for this thy mercy; and will declare thy loving kindness from generation to generation. *Amen.*

¶ *For plenty.*

O MOST merciful father ! who, of thy gracious goodness, hast heard the prayers of thy people, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty and abundance ; we give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty ; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to our competent sustenance and seasonable comfort. *Amen.*

¶ *For peace, and deliverance from our enemies.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD ! who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies ; we give thee praise and thanks for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers, with which we were encompassed and threatened. We thankfully acknowledge thy goodness, in not delivering us over as a prey unto them ; and humbly beseech thee still to continue such thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou alone art our mighty preserver and deliverer. *Amen.*

¶ *For restoring public peace at home.*

O ETERNAL GOD ! our heavenly father ! who alone canst make men to be of one mind, and still the outrage of an unruly multitude ; we thank thee that thou hast been pleased to appease the tumults which have been lately excited amongst us ; most humbly beseeching thee to give us a right understanding, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments ; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our praise and thanks for these and all other thy mercies towards us, as becometh thy servants, and the disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *For deliverance from the plague, or other common sickness.*

WE humbly acknowledge before thee, o most merciful father ! that all the severe punishments, which are threatened in thy law, might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart. Yet, seeing it hath pleased thee,

upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, mercifully to assuage the contagious sickness with which we lately have been grievously afflicted, and to restore health and joy into our dwellings ; we offer unto thy divine majesty our humble, but sincere, praise and thanks ; and will extol thy glorious name for such thy preservation and providence over us, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THANKS-

THANKSGIVING

TO BE USED UPON THE ANNIVERSARY OF
THE KING'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

ALMIGHTY GOD ! who rulest over all the nations of the world, and disposest of them, according to thy good pleasure ; we yield thee our thanks, for having been pleased, as on this day, to place the king upon the throne of these realms. Let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him in all his righteous and lawful undertakings for the common weal ; let justice, truth, and holiness,—let peace and love, and all those virtues which adorn the christian profession, improve and flourish in his days ; direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of our country. Lead both him and us to a willing and cheerful obedience to the laws ; that neither our sinful passions, nor our private interest, may disappoint the designs of either for the public good : let him always possess

sess the hearts of his people, that they may never be wanting in proper respect to his person, and dutiful submission to the authority with which he is intrusted : let his reign be long and prosperous, and crown him with happiness in the life to come.

Amen.

MORNING

MORNING PRAYER

FOR A FAMILY.

O GOD! our creator and heavenly father! the giver of all good, upon whom we depend now and for ever!

Under an awful sense of thy constant presence with us, we, thy creatures and thy servants, are assembled together, to thank thee for thy common blessings and undeserved goodness to us; and, particularly, to acknowledge the watchful care of thy good providence, by which we have been preserved, during the defenceless hours of the night, and brought in health and safety to the light of another day.

Thy mercies, O GOD! are renewed unto us every morning. Let our gratitude and dutiful obedience to thy holy laws bear some proportion to thy favours, that we may be a family praising and reverencing thee before men, by our virtuous and religious behaviour.

We desire to set thee, our GOD, before us in all our ways, that thy blessing may go along with us in our several employments, and that we may never undertake
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any thing that we dare not beg of thee to prosper.

If it be consistent with thy wise and good designs for us ; we pray that we may be preserved from all dangers and accidents, and continued in health. But as we know not what is best for us, we would, therefore, refer our outward state wholly to thee ; and be anxious only to be kept from the ways of sin, and to be carried forward in the paths of religion and virtue, which lead to thee and thy favour.

Grant that we may be sincere in heart, and uncorrupt before thee ; and just and upright in all our dealings with our fellow-creatures ; and dispose us to acts of kindness towards them, to share in their distresses and relieve them ; and to rejoice in, and embrace, all opportunities of doing them good, especially of promoting their eternal happiness.

Assist us also in the just government and subjection of our inferior appetites and passions to the laws of reason and true religion ; and make us moderate in the use of lawful things, that we may be kept at the greatest distance from what is unlawful and sinful.

It hath pleased thee, the sovereign disposer of all things, to appoint the different orders and ranks of men for wise purposes of public good. Enable us all to be useful in our several stations and capacities; and to discharge our duty towards each other with diligence and fidelity. May we live in the love and reverence of thee, o GOD! who seest in secret, and wilt reward thy servants in the future world, where greater piety and virtue will make the only difference in the rank of thy creatures, one from the other.

These, our humble requests, we offer unto thee, o father supreme! as the disciples of Jesus Christ our lord, whose holy example we ardently desire to follow; and in whose form of words we conclude these our prayers for ourselves and others.

OUR FATHER! who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

EVENING

EVENING PRAYER

FOR A FAMILY.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal GOD! our constant preserver and benefactor! by whose goodness we are brought to the close of another day; we thank thee for this and for all thy mercies.

It is thy gracious design, O GOD! in lengthening our days to give us time for repentance, and for improvement in every thing holy and good, that we may be fitted for perfect and durable happiness with thee.

If we have this day overcome temptations to evil, if we have in any respect obeyed thy holy will, and done good in the world, unto thee be the praise. But we take shame to ourselves that we have hitherto profited so little by thy forbearance and continuance of us in life. With unfeigned sorrow, we confess our sins before thee, and seek forgiveness at thy hands. We thank thee, O father of mercies! for the assurance of thy free pardon and acceptance,

ance, upon forsaking our sins, which thou hast given us in the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ.

Help us to correct and amend whatever has been amiss in our conduct and dispositions, and preserve us from falling into any former sins; of all these, we now sincerely repent before thee, and hope that we may grow wiser and better by our past miscarriages. Let the example of Jesus, thy holy and beloved servant and messenger, and our lord and master, be always before us; that we may follow him in his piety, integrity, purity, meekness, humility, and zeal for the good of others; and be approved by thee, at the last, as his true disciples; that, when he, who brought the knowledge of life and immortality to light, shall appear again at the end of the world, we also may appear with him in glory.

With a sincere desire for the happiness of our fellow-creatures, we offer up our prayers for them unto thee, who art the common father of all. Continue thy good providence over the nations that unhappily know not thee; and raise up chosen instruments to carry amongst them the knowledge

knowledge of thee, the only true GOD ; and of Jesus Christ, the messenger of thy truth to men.

Reform the errors of the christian world ; grant “ that the worship of thee, o father ! in spirit and in truth, established by Jesus Christ, may every where be restored ; that thy moral laws may not be rendered ineffectual by human devices and false notions of religion set up instead of them ; and that the progress of thy holy gospel may not be stopped and hindered by the wicked lives and scandalous behaviour of those who profess it.” Put an end to all usurpation of thy authority, and imposition upon the consciences of men. Let all animosities cease among christians for diversities of opinion ; and unite all in sincere obedience to thy laws, and in good will and kindness to each other.

Bless the king, and all who are in public authority, that they may be wise and faithful to promote the general happiness ; and that the people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in the practice of religion and virtue. Visit and relieve all who are in misery and under affliction ; and assist all thy creatures
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in the several trials to which thou exposest them in this uncertain world, that they may be improved by them, and qualified for higher degrees of happiness with thee.

Extend thy goodness, particularly, to our relations and friends; enable them to withstand the temptations of the world, and lead them on in the ways of virtue and holiness unto everlasting life.

And now, o GOD! we recommend ourselves and all who belong to us, unto thy care and protection this night. Defend us from all dangers and distressing accidents, and give us quiet and refreshing sleep, which may fit us for the duties of the following day. And make us ever mindful of that time which is hastening upon us, when we shall make our bed in the grave; that we may never live in such a state in which we may fear to die. Hear and accept us, o GOD! as the disciples of Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to address ourselves unto thee, our father, alone, and in whose comprehensive prayer we sum up all our wants.

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thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, day by day, our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

PSALM I.

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PSALM II.

WHY do nations tumultuously conspire together? and the peoples form vain designs?

2 *Why* do kings of the earth and rulers combine against JEHOVAH, and against his anointed?

3 "Let us break," *say they*, "their bonds asunder, and cast away their yoke from us."

4 He who dwelleth in the heavens will laugh; JEHOVAH will hold them in derision.

5 Then will he speak unto them in his wrath, and confound them in his great displeasure.

6 For, I am his appointed king over Zion, his holy mountain:

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7 I will

7 I will declare the decree of JEHOVAH. He said unto me : " Thou art my son ; this day have I adopted thee :

8 " Ask of me ; and I will give thee nations for thine inheritance, and the most distant parts of the land for thy possession.

9 " Thou shalt rule them with a sceptre of iron ; thou shalt dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Therefore now, ye kings ! be wise ; be instructed, ye judges of the land !

11 Serve JEHOVAH with fear ; and worship him with trembling.

12 Adore sincerely, lest he be angry, and ye perish in *your perverse* way : for, soon as his wrath shall be kindled, happy are all those who place their trust in him.

PSALM III.

O JEHOVAH ! how are mine enemies increased ! *how* numerous are those who rise up against me !

2 *How* numerous are those, who say of me ;—" I here is no safety for him from his GOD !"

3 But

3 But thou, O JEHOVAH ! art to me a shield ; thou art my glory, and the raiser up of mine head.

4 I call upon JEHOVAH with my voice ; and he heareth me from his holy mountain.

5 I lie down, I sleep, I awake again ; for JEHOVAH sustaineth me.

6 I am not afraid of the myriads of people who set themselves against me on all sides.

7 Arise, O JEHOVAH ! save me, my GOD ! for thou canst smite the jaws of all mine enemies ; thou canst break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance cometh from JEHOVAH : may thy blessing, O JEHOVAH ! be upon thy people !

PSALM IV.

HEAR me, when I invoke thee, O JEHOVAH ! *the protector* of mine innocence ! thou art wont to relieve me when I have been in distress ; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 Ye sons of men ! how long will ye asperse my reputation ? how long will ye

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love delusion, and seek after disappointment?

3 Know that JEHOVAH distinguisheth the righteous man : when I call upon JEHOVAH, he heareth me.

4 Stand in awe, and commit not the sin that is in your hearts ; consider this upon your beds, and be quiet.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness ; and place your trust in JEHOVAH.

6 *But many of you say :* "Who will show us plenty?"

7 O JEHOVAH ! the light of thy countenance hath greatly shone upon us.

8 Thou makest mine heart more glad than *theirs is, even* when their corn, and wine, and oil are increased.

9 I will lie down to rest, and sleep in peace ; for thou alone, O JEHOVAH ! canst make me to repose in safety.

PSALM V.

GIVE ear, O JEHOVAH ! unto my words ; consider my complaints :

2 Hearken thou unto my lamentation, my king, and my GOD ! for unto thee I make my prayer.

3 Early

3 Early in the morning, O JEHOVAH ! thou hearest my voice ; early in the morning I look up, and direct my prayer unto thee :

4 For thou art not a GOD that favourest the wicked : the evil-doer cannot dwell with thee :

5 Arrogant boasters cannot stand in thy sight ; thou hatest all those who work iniquity :

6 Thou destroyest those who speak lies ; JEHOVAH abhorreth the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, through thine exceeding favour, I will re-enter into thine house ; and, with reverence, will I worship in thy holy temple.

8 Conduct me, O JEHOVAH ! according to thy justice ; make thy way plain before me, because of mine enemies :

9 For there is no truth in their mouths ; inwardly they are all depravity :

10 They speak smoothly with their tongues ; while their throats are open sepulchres.

11 Hold them guilty, O GOD ! let them fall by their own counsels : cast them

off because of the multitude of their offences, for they rebel against thee.

12 Then will all, who trust in thee, rejoice ; they will ever be giving thanks, because thou, O JEHOVAH ! defendest them.

13 All those who love thy name will be joyful in thee : because thou, O JEHOVAH ! blessest the righteous man ; and encompasshest him with thy favourable kindness as with a shield.

PSALM VI.

REPROVE me not, O JEHOVAH ! in thine indignation ; neither chasten me in thy great displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O JEHOVAH ! for I am weak ; heal me, O JEHOVAH ! for my bones are troubled.

3 My soul also is exceedingly troubled ; yet, O JEHOVAH ! how long wilt thou *delay to help me ?*

4 Return, O JEHOVAH ! and relieve my soul ; oh, save me for thy mercy's sake !

5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee ; and, in the grave, who shall celebrate thee ?

6 I am

6 I am exhausted by my groans; every night I bedew my bed, and deluge my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eyes are wasted with grief; they are grown dim *with weeping*, because of mine adversaries.

8 Depart from me, all ye who work iniquity; for JEHOVAH hath heard my lamentation :

9 JEHOVAH hath listened to my supplication : JEHOVAH hath accepted my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be abashed and confounded; they shall be turned back, and be put to shame suddenly.

PSALM VII.

1 O JEHOVAH! my GOD! in thee I place my trust; save and deliver me from all mine enemies :

2 Lest, like a lion, they seize me for their prey, while there is none to save and deliver me.

3 O JEHOVAH! my GOD! if I have done this—if the iniquity, *with which I am charged*, be in mine hands :

4 If I have repaid friendship with evil, or molested mine enemy without cause :

5 Then

5 *Then* let mine enemy pursue and overtake me ; let him trample down my life to the *ground*, and lay mine honour in the dust.

6 Arise, O JEHOVAH ! in thine indignation ; stand up against the outrages of mine enemies, and exert thyself to *pass upon them* the sentence which thou hast decreed.

7 Then will the assembly of the people come about thee ; for their sakes, therefore, be thou seated *on thy tribunal* on high. JEHOVAH will do justice to his people.

8 Judge me, O JEHOVAH ! according to my righteousness ; and reward me according to mine innocency.

9 Let the injustice of the wicked come to an end ; but do thou establish the righteous :

10 For thou art a righteous GOD ; a searcher of the heart and reins.

11 JEHOVAH, who preserveth the upright of heart, is my refuge : a GOD, who judgeth justly, and is never wroth without cause.

12 But for the unrepentant he will whet his sword ; he will bend and prepare his bow :

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13 He will prepare for him the instruments of death; and temper his shafts with burning coals.

14 Lo! the wicked-one hath conceived iniquity, and is pregnant with oppression; but he shall bring forth disappointment.

15 He hath dug a pit and sunk it deep; but shall fall into the destruction he hath prepared for others:

16 His iniquity shall return on his own head; and his violence shall fall on his own crown.

17 *Therefore* I will give thanks unto JEHOVAH for his justice; and I will praise the name of JEHOVAH, most high.

PSALM VIII.

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PSALM IX.

I WILL praise thee, O JEHOVAH! with my whole heart; I will recount all thy wonderful deeds.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will

will sing praise unto thy name, O thou most high !

3 Because mine enemies are put to flight ; and are fallen and perished in thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my righteous cause ; sitting upon *thy* throne, thou hast judged righteously :

5 Thou hast reprov'd the nations, and destroyed the wicked ; thou hast effaced their name for ever :

6 Complete desolation has consumed the enemy ; their cities thou hast destroyed, and the remembrance of them is perished with them.

7 But JEHOVAH endureth for ever : he hath prepared his throne for judgment ;

8 That he may judge the world with justice ; *and* administer equity unto the peoples.

9 JEHOVAH is a refuge for the oppressed ; even a refuge in time of trouble :

10 They who acknowledge thy name shall place their trust in thee ; for thou never forsakest those who seek thee.

11 O praise JEHOVAH, who dwelleth in Zion ; celebrate his deeds among the people :

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12 For he who maketh inquiry after bloodshed, remembereth them; and forgetteth not the complaints of the afflicted.

13 Have compassion on me, O JEHOVAH! consider the affliction I suffer from those who hate me, and raise me from the gates of death:

14 That I may rehearse all thy praises in the gates of the city of Zion; and rejoice in being saved by thee.

15 The nations are sunk into the pit which they made; in the snare which they laid, their own feet are entangled.

16 The LORD is made known by the judgment which he executeth; the wicked is ensnared in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall hasten to the grave, *and* all the nations unmindful of GOD.

18 For the needy shall not be forgotten for ever; nor the expectation of the afflicted be disappointed for ever.

19 Arise, O JEHOVAH! let not man prevail; let the nations be judged by thee alone:

20 Make them to reverence thee, O JEHOVAH! that the nations may know that they are but men.

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PSALM X.

WHY standest thou aloof, O JEHOVAH !
and concealest thyself in the time of distress ?

2 The wicked, through pride, persecuteth the distressed. Let *persecutors* be caught in the devices which they have contrived

3 The wicked boasteth of *obtaining* his heart's desire ; and the rapacious calleth himself blessed.

4 The wicked despiseth JEHOVAH ; through contempt, he seeketh *him* not : neither is GOD in any of his thoughts, and his ways are always perverse.

5 Thy judgments, O JEHOVAH ! are far above his sight, and therefore despiseth he all his enemies.

6 He saith in his heart ; —“ I shall never be cast down ; no harm shall happen unto me.”

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud ; under his tongue are ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the ambushment of hedges ;

hedges ; in lurking-holes he murdereth the innocent ; his eyes watch for the helpless :

9 He lurketh in secret places, like a lion in his den ; he lieth in wait to seize on the distressed :

10 And when he hath drawn him into his snare, he crusheth him to pieces.

11 *Thus* the helpless are borne down, and fall by his great strength :

12 *While* he saith in his heart, " GOD hath forgotten ; he hideth his face, *and* will never see."

13 Arise, O JEHOVAH ! exert thy power, O GOD ! forget not the distressed.

14 Why should the wicked despise GOD ? why should he think that thou wilt not make inquest ?

15 Thou providest for the protection of *the forlorn* ; because thou hast seen his trouble and sorrow.

16 To thee the miserable committeth his cause : *for* thou art the helper of the helpless.

17 So break thou the power of the wicked and malignant ; that, when he is sought for, he may not be found.

18 JEHOVAH

18 JEHOVAH is king for ever and ever;
the nations shall perish out of his land.

19 Thou, O JEHOVAH ! listenest to the
request of the distressed ; thou inclinest
thine ear to their disposition of heart :

20 That thou mayest do justice to the
helpless and oppressed ; *and* that, hence-
forth, no man be expelled from the land.

PSALM XI.

IN JEHOVAH I place my trust : why
then say ye to me ; " Escape like a bird
unto the mountains."

2 For lo ! the wicked bend their bow,
and fit their arrow to the string ; to shoot
in secret at the upright of heart !

3 And when the foundations *of justice*
are subverted, what can the just man
do ?

4 JEHOVAH is in his holy temple ;
JEHOVAH, whose throne is in the heavens :

5 His eyes behold, and his eye-lids ex-
amine, *the dispositions* of the children of
men.

6 JEHOVAH approveth the righteous
man ; but the wicked and violent his soul
abhorreth.

7 On

7 On the wicked he will shower flakes of sulphurous fire ; a tremendous tempest shall be the portion of their cup.

8 But, JEHOVAH, being just, delighteth in justice ; his countenance will favour the righteous.

PSALM XII.

DELIVER ME, O JEHOVAH ! for the merciful man is no more ; and the sincere in heart cease to be among the children of men !

2 The wicked stalk about on every side ; and the vilest of the sons of men are exalted.

3 Each one speaketh falsehood to his neighbour ; they flatter with their lips, and dissemble with a double heart.

4 May JEHOVAH cut off every deceitful lip ; and every tongue that speaketh boastful things :

5 *Even* those who say ; “ We will prevail by our tongues ; our lips are our own ; who is lord over us ? ”

6 “ Because of the oppression of the afflicted, and the deep-sighing of the miserable ;

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7 “ I will

7 "I will arise," saith JEHOVAH, "*and* will place *them* in safety from those who would ensnare them."

8 The words of JEHOVAH are pure words : they are like silver refined in an earthen crucible, *and* purified seven times.

9 *Therefore*, thou, O JEHOVAH ! wilt preserve them, and keep them safe from this race of *men* for ever.

PSALM XIII.

How long wilt thou forget me, O JEHOVAH ! for ever ? how long wilt thou hide thy countenance from me ?

2 How long shall I be uneasy in mind, and be grieved in mine heart ? how long shall mine enemy be exalted above me ?

3 Be favourable unto and hear me, O JEHOVAH ! my GOD ! enlighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death ;

4 Lest mine enemy say, " I have prevailed : " lest mine enemy rejoice when I am removed.

5 For I place my trust in thy mercy ; and mine heart will rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will

6 I will sing unto JEHOVAH for his bounty toward me ; and praise the name of JEHOVAH, the most high.

PSALM XIV.

WICKED *men* say in their heart; " There is no GOD : " they are corrupted, and practise abominations ; there is not one of them who doeth good, not even one !

2 JEHOVAH looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see whether there were any who were so wise as to seek after GOD.

3 *But* they are all gone astray, they are all corrupted ; not one of them doeth good, not even one !

4 Are all the workers of iniquity without knowledge ? for they devour my people as they devour bread, *and* invoke not JEHOVAH.

5 They were seized with great fear, because JEHOVAH was among the generation of the righteous: they derided the counsel of the afflicted, because he placed his trust in JEHOVAH.

PSALM XV.

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PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O GOD ! for in thee I place my trust.

2 I have said unto JEHOVAH ; " Thou art my sovereign lord : I expect no good thing but from thee."

3 But as for those profane earthly *idols* ; and all the great who delight in them :

4 Let their sorrows be multiplied ; and backward let them speed :

5 *But, as for me*, their libations of blood I will not pour out ; neither will I mention their names within my lips.

6 O JEHOVAH ! the portion of mine heritage and of my cup ! thou art he who maketh me secure.

7 My lot is fallen to me in a pleasant place ; delightful is the heritage that hath devolved upon me.

8 I will thank JEHOVAH, who consulteth my

my good ; even, by night, he is the object of my desires.

9 I ever place JEHOVAH before me ; while he is at my right-hand, I cannot be moved.

10 Therefore, my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoiceth : my whole flesh resteth in security ;

11 For, thou wilt not leave my life in the grave ; neither wilt thou suffer thy pious-one to see corruption :

12 But to me thou wilt make known the path of life ; fulness of joy in thy presence, and perpetual pleasures at thy right-hand.

PSALM XVII.

HEAR, just JEHOVAH ! consider my complaint ; listen unto my prayer made with unfeigned lips.

2 Let my sentence proceed from thee ; let thine eyes discern what is right.

3 Thou hast tried mine heart, thou hast searched it by night ; thou hast tried me thoroughly, *but* hast not found any wicked thought within me.

4 I have never approved the misdeeds
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of

of other men : *according to thy word* I have avoided the ways of the violent man.

5 Support thou my steps in thy paths ; that my feet may never slip.

6 I invoke thee, o GOD ! because thou art wont to hear me ; incline thine ear, and hearken unto me :

7 Show thy wonderful loving-kindness, o ! thou who savest those who place their trust in thee, from those who rise up against them.

8 Guard me, as the tender apple of the eye ; hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked, who would destroy me ; and from mine enemies, who encompass me about to take away my life.

10 They have hardened their hearts ; and speak arrogantly with their mouth :

11 They lie waiting for us on every side ; they design to level us with the ground ;

12 Like a lion that is greedy of his prey ; like a young lion that lurketh in covert places.

13 Arise, o JEHOVAH ! disappoint him, and

and humble him; defend me by thy sword, from the wicked man.

14 *Defend me* by thine hand, O JEHOVAH! from such men; from men of the world, whose portion is in this life, and whom thou hast filled with rare things;

15 Who are blessed with a numerous progeny; and who lay by their riches for their children!

16 *But, as for me*, let me, in innocence, enjoy thy presence: I shall be satisfied with the re-appearance of thy countenance.

PSALM XVIII.

I WILL love thee, O JEHOVAH! my strength; JEHOVAH, my rock, my fortress, and my refuge: my GOD! my rock in whom I trust; my shield, the horn also of my salvation, and mine elevated tower!

2 I invoked JEHOVAH, who is worthy to be praised; and I was preserved from mine enemies.

3 When the billows of death encompassed me; and the torrents of impiety rushed upon me;

4 When the toils of the grave were en-
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folding

folding me, and the snares of death were spread before me :

5 In my distress I invoked JEHOVAH ; and cried aloud unto my GOD.

6 From his temple he listened unto my voice ; and my cry entered into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled ; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and rocked, because he was wroth.

8 A smoke issued from his nostrils, and a devouring flame from his mouth ; which enkindled flakes of fire.

9 He bent the heavens, and descended ; and a thick cloud was under his feet.

10 He rode upon a cherub, and did fly : he flew swiftly on the wings of the wind.

11 He placed darkness around him as a covert ; dark waters and thick clouds *were* his pavilion.

12 *But* from the splendour of his presence the clouds were dispelled ; and flakes of fire were kindled.

13 JEHOVAH thundered from the heavens ; the most high uttered his voice ;

14 He shot and scattered his arrows ; he multiplied and dispersed his lightnings.

15 The channels of the sea were then
seen,

seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered ; at thy rebuke, O JEHOVAH ! at the blast of the breath of thy displeasure.

16 He stretched *his hand* from above, and laid hold on me ; he drew me up out of many waters :

17 He delivered me from my powerful enemies, and from those who hated me ; because they were too strong for me.

18 They had surprised me in the day of distress : but JEHOVAH was my support.

19 He brought me forth into a wider space ; he delivered me, because he was pleased with me.

20 JEHOVAH requited me according to mine innocence ; he recompensed me according to the cleanness of mine hands.

21 Because I had kept the ways of JEHOVAH ; and had never revolted from my GOD :

22 Because his judgments had been before me ; and I had never rejected his statutes :

23 Because I had ever been sincere before him ; and had kept myself from injustice :

24 JEHOVAH hath requited me according to mine integrity ; and according to the cleanness of mine hands in his sight.

25 To

25 To the merciful, o JEHOVAH !
thou art merciful ; with the sincere, thou
dealest sincerely.

26 To the pure, thou also art pure ; but
with the stubborn, thou dealest according to
their stubbornness.

27 For thou savest those who are de-
pressed ; but humblest the haughty.

28 'Tis thou, o JEHOVAH ! who lightest
my lamp : JEHOVAH, my GOD, enlighten-
eth my darkness.

29 Enabled by thee, I bound over fences ;
by the help of my GOD, I leap over walls.

30 GOD is perfect in all his actions ; the
word of JEHOVAH is tried by fire : he
is a shield to all who place their trust in
him.

31 For, who is GOD, beside JEHOVAH ?
who is a firm rock, beside our GOD ?

32 It is GOD who girdeth me with
strength ; and maketh me to move with-
out difficulty :

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet ;
he maketh me to stand firm on high places.

34 He traineth mine hands to war ; and
maketh mine arms like a bow of steel.

35 Thou coverest me with thy saving
shield,

shield, and with thy right-hand thou supportest me; and thine indulgence maketh me great.

36 Thou makest ample room for my steps; that my feet may not slip.

37 I pursue mine enemies, and overtake them; I return not, until they are routed.

38 I wound them, so that they cannot rise; they fall beneath my feet.

39 For thou girdest me with strength for the battle; thou subduest mine enemies under me:

40 Thou makest me to tread on the necks of mine enemies; and I utterly destroy mine adversaries.

41 They cry for help, but there is none to save: they cry unto JEHOVAH, but, he doth not answer them.

42 I beat them as small as dust before the wind; I tread upon them like dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from mine opponents; and hast placed me at the head of nations:

44 A people whom I knew not, are become subject unto me; as soon as they hear *my mandates*, they obey.

45 Foreign

45 Foreign nations, although feignedly, yet obey me ; foreign nations shrink with fear, and tremble in their own strong holds.

46 JEHOVAH liveth ; therefore, praised be my rock ; and exalted be the GOD who hath saved me.

47 He is the GOD who avengeth my cause ; and subdueth nations unto me.

48 It is he who hath rescued me from *all* mine enemies, and raised me above mine adversaries : thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore, I will praise thee, O JEHOVAH ! among the nations ; I will sing praises unto thy name :

50 Who art the safeguard of his *chosen* king ; and sheweth loving-kindness unto his anointed, unto David and his posterity for ever.

PSALM XIX.

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PSALM XX.

MAY JEHOVAH hear thee in the day of distress ! may the GOD of Jacob protect thee !

2 May

2 May he send thee help from his sanctuary ; and strengthen thee from Zion !

3 May he remember all thine offerings ; and accept thy burnt sacrifice !

4 May he grant thee thine heart's desire ; and accomplish all thy purposes !

5 May JEHOVAH grant thee all thy requests ; that we may rejoice in thy deliverance, and triumph in the name of our GOD.

6 Nay, I know assuredly that JEHOVAH will save his anointed, and will favour him, from his holy heavens, with the saving strength of his right-hand.

7 Let some boast of *their* chariots, and others of *their* horses ; but we will glory in the name of our GOD.

8 They shall be brought down, and fall : but we shall be exalted, and stand firm.

9 O JEHOVAH ! save the king ; hear us when we invoke thee.

PSALM XXI.

O JEHOVAH ! the king rejoiceth in thy might ; and greatly exulteth in being saved by thee :

2 For

2 For thou hast granted him his heart's desire ; and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

3 Thou hast even preceded *his wishes* with thy bounteous blessings ; and hast placed a crown of pure gold upon his head.

4 He asked of thee life ; and thou hast granted him a long life.

5 His glory is great in being saved by thee ; honour and renown thou hast conferred upon him.

6 Thou hast established him in lasting happiness ; and made him to rejoice in thy gracious countenance.

7 Because the king placeth his trust in JEHOVAH, and in the mercy of the most high ; *his throne* shall never be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies ; and thy right-hand shall find out those who hate thee.

9 In the time of thine indignation, thou wilt make them like a fiery furnace : JEHOVAH will destroy them in his displeasure ; his fire will consume them :

10 Their offspring thou wilt destroy from the earth ; and their posterity from among the children of men.

11 Because

11 Because they intend mischief against thee; and meditate a design which they are not able to execute:

12 Therefore, thou wilt make them a mark to *thine arrows*; and wilt make ready the strings of thy bow against them.

13 Arise, O JEHOVAH! in thine own might; that we may sing, and praise thy power.

PSALM XXII.

MY GOD! my GOD! why forsakest thou me; and art removed from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my GOD! I call in the day-time, but thou answerest not; and in the night-season, but without relief.

3 Nevertheless, thou art still the HOLY-ONE; the subject of praise in Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them:

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered; they trusted in thee, and were not put to shame.

6 But I am *treated as* a worm, and not a man; the reproach of men, and the derision of the people.

7 All

7 All those who see me, laugh at me ; they put out their lips, and shake their heads ;

8 " He committeth himself, *say they*, unto JEHOVAH : let him deliver him, since he delighteth in him."

9 But, thou art he who took me from the womb ; thou wast mine hope *while I banged* on my mother's breast :

10 I have been thrown upon thee ever since I was born ; thou hast been my GOD from my mother's womb.

11 O be not far from me when distress is nigh ; for there is no one else to deliver me.

12 A multitude of bulls are come about me ; the fierce bulls of Bashan surround me :

13 They open wide their mouths against me ; like a ravenous and roaring lion.

14 My flesh is loose as water, and all my bones are dissolved ; mine heart, like wax, is melted within me :

15 My substance is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws ; thou hast laid me in the dust of death.

16 A multitude of dogs beset me ; they tear mine hands and my feet.

17 A crowd

17 A crowd of the wicked surround me; they number all my bones, and look and stare at me :

18 They divide my garments among them ; and cast lots for my clothing.

19 But be not thou, O JEHOVAH ! far from me ; my GOD ! hasten to mine aid :

20 Rescue my life from the sword ; and my helpless person from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion ; and defend me from the horns of the rhinoceros.

22 *Then* will I declare thy name among my brethren ; *thus* I will praise thee in the midst of the assembly :

23 “ O ! praise JEHOVAH, ye who fear him ; give glory unto him, all ye family of Jacob ; and reverence him, all ye posterity of Israel :

24 “ For he hath not despised nor disdained the distress of the afflicted ; he hath not hidden his countenance from him ; but when he cried unto him, he heard him.”

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great assembly ; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who fear thee.

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26 The

26 The needy shall eat, and be satisfied: they who seek JEHOVAH, shall praise him, and their hearts shall be refreshed.

27 All the inhabitants of the land, to its utmost limits, shall repent, and return unto JEHOVAH; all the families of the people shall worship him.

28 For the kingdom is JEHOVAH's; and he ruleth over the people.

29 All the rich of the land shall eat and worship him:

30 And those who are starving shall adore, and be satisfied.

31 Posterity shall serve him; and be reckoned his for generations to come;

32 They shall declare his justice to people who are yet unborn.

PSALM XXIII.

JEHOVAH is my shepherd; *therefore* I shall never want.

2 He feedeth me in green pastures; and leadeth me by *the side of* gentle waters.

3 He refresheth me, *and* guideth me in right paths, for his own name's sake.

4 But

4 But were I to walk in the dark vale of death, I should fear no harm, while thou art with me ; thy staff and thy crook would comfort me.

5 Thou hast spread a table before me ; in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest mine head, and makest my cup to overflow.

6 Ah ! may thy bounteous mercy follow me all the days of my life ; may I dwell in the house of JEHOVAH as long as I live.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is JEHOVAH's, and all that it contains ; the world, and all those who dwell therein :

2 For he it was who laid the foundation above the seas ; and established it above the floods.

3 Who shall ascend the mountain of JEHOVAH ? and who shall stand in his holy place ?

4 He who hath clean hands, and a pure heart ; and who hath not addicted his mind to falsehood, nor sworn with intent to deceive.

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5 He

5 He shall receive a blessing from JEHOVAH ; and be justified by the GOD of his salvation.

6 Such is the race of those who seek him ; of those, who desire thy presence, O GOD of Jacob !

7 Lift up your heads, ye gates ! and be ye lifted up, ye lofty doors ! that the king of glory may come in.

8 "Who is this king of glory ?" It is JEHOVAH, strong and mighty ; even JEHOVAH powerful in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, ye gates ! and be ye lifted up, ye lofty doors ! that the king of glory may come in.

10 "Who is this king of glory ?" It is JEHOVAH, the GOD of hosts ; he is the king of glory.

PSALM XXV.

UNTO thee, O JEHOVAH ! I raise my soul ; to my GOD ! in thee I place my trust : let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies exult over me.

2 Let none be confounded, who look up to thee ; let those be confounded, who traitorously prevaricate.

3 Instruct

3 Instruct me in thy ways, O JEHOVAH !
and teach me *to follow* thy paths.

4 Direct me to thy truth, and teach me ;
for thou art the GOD of my salvation.

5 To thee I daily look up, because of
thy goodness, O JEHOVAH !

6 Remember, O JEHOVAH ! thy tender
mercies and thy kindnesses of former days :
obliterate the sins and crimes of my youth,
and remember me according to thine own
goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is JEHOVAH ;
therefore, he instructeth sinners in the
right way.

8 The meek he directeth to justice ; and
to the gentle he pointeth out his way.

9 All the paths of JEHOVAH are mercy
and truth, to those who observe his precepts
and his testimonies.

10 For thine own name's sake, O JE-
HOVAH ! pardon mine iniquity, although
it be great.

11 Who is the man that revereth JE-
HOVAH ? him he will instruct in his chosen
way :

12 That man shall enjoy prosperity ;
and his posterity shall inherit the land.

13 The counsel of JEHOVAH is for those who revere him ; and to them he maketh known his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever directed to JEHOVAH, for he can conduct my feet out of the snare.

15 Regard me, and have compassion on me : for I am desolate and afflicted.

16 The sorrows of mine heart are increased ; oh ! bring thou me out of my distresses.

17 Draw near, and behold mine afflictions and my sufferings ; and pardon all my transgressions.

18 See, how mine enemies multiply ; and hate me with an outrageous hatred.

19 Preserve my life and deliver me ; let me not be confounded, for I place my trust in thee.

20 Let integrity and justice protect me ; for my dependance is on thee, O JEHOVAH !

21 Deliver Israel, O GOD ! from all his distresses.

PSALM XXVI.

JUDGE my cause, O JEHOVAH ! I have walked in innocence : my trust hath been in JEHOVAH ; therefore, I shall not fall.

2 Examine me, O JEHOVAH ! and scrutinize me ; search thou my reins and mine heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness hath ever been before mine eyes ; and I have walked according to thy truth.

4 I have never dwelt with deceitful persons ; neither have I associated with hypocrites.

5 I hate the company of the malevolent ; and sit not down with the wicked.

6 I wash mine hands in innocence, when I approach thine altar, O JEHOVAH !

7 That I may make my voice to be heard in thy praise ; and recount all thy wonderful works.

8 I love, O JEHOVAH ! the house in which thou dwellest ; and the place where thy glory resideth.

9 Join not my soul with sinners ; nor my life with blood-thirsty men :

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10 Who

10 Who intend mischief; and whose right-hand is full of bribes.

11 But, as I walk in mine innocence; deliver me, and have mercy on me.

12 When my foot shall stand on even ground; I will praise JEHOVAH in the assemblies.

PSALM XXVII.

JEHOVAH is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? JEHOVAH is the safe-guard of my life; whom then shall I dread?

2 When the wicked, those who persecuted me and were mine enemies, advanced to devour my flesh; they themselves stumbled and fell back.

3 Should an host of men encamp about me, yet would not mine heart be afraid; *and* should war be waged against me, even then would I place my trust in him.

4 One thing I desire of JEHOVAH, and this I earnestly request; that I may dwell in the house of JEHOVAH, all the days of my life, to contemplate the gracious countenance of JEHOVAH, and to search *for an abidance* in his sanctuary:

5 For,

5 For, in the time of distress, he may hide me in his pavilion; even in his interior tabernacle he may hide me, and exalt me upon an inaccessible rock.

6 Even now, he may raise mine head above all my surrounding enemies: therefore, I will offer, in his tabernacle, sacrifices of praise; I will sing and chant praises unto JEHOVAH.

7 Hearken unto my voice, O JEHOVAH! when I call; be gracious unto me, and answer me.

8 *When thou saidst,*—"Seek my face;" mine heart replied,—Thy countenance, O JEHOVAH! will I seek.

9 Hide not thy countenance from me; neither turn thy servant from thee in thy displeasure.

10 Thou art my refuge, abandon me not; neither forsake me, O GOD of my salvation!

11 Though my father and my mother should forsake me; nevertheless, let JEHOVAH take me up.

12 Teach me thy way, O JEHOVAH! and guide me in the right path, because of mine enemies.

13 Deliver

13 Deliver me not over to the will of mine adversaries ; for false witnesses, and those who threaten violence, are risen against me.

14 I *already* should have fainted, had I not trusted to see the favour of JEHOVAH in the land of the living.

15 Oh ! wait, *therefore*, for the help of JEHOVAH : be firm and courageous ; and place thy trust in JEHOVAH.

PSALM XXVIII.

UNTO thee, O JEHOVAH ! my rock ! do I call ; answer thou me : lest, if thou be silent, I become like those who go down to the pit.

2 Hear my supplications, when I cry unto thee ; when I raise mine hands toward thy sanctuary.

3 Oh ! remove me not, neither destroy me with idolaters ; with those who speak friendly with their neighbours, while mischief is in their hearts.

4 Repay such according to their works ; and according to their evil dispositions :

5 Repay them according to the works of
their

their hands ; recompense them according to their deserts.

6 Because they regard not the works of JEHOVAH, neither the operation of his hands ; therefore, he will overthrow them, and never re-establish them.

7 Praised be JEHOVAH ; who heareth my supplications.

8 JEHOVAH is my strength and my shield ; my heart trusteth in him : when I am helped by him, my heart rejoiceth, and I sing his praise.

9 JEHOVAH is the strength of his people ; and the safe-guard of his anointed.

10 Oh ! save thy people, and bless thine inheritance ; feed them, and exalt them for ever.

PSALM XXIX.

1 ASCRIBE unto JEHOVAH, ye great ones ; ascribe unto JEHOVAH glory and power :

2 Ascribe unto JEHOVAH the honour due unto his name ; and worship him with holy reverence.

3 The voice of JEHOVAH, the GOD of glory, is upon the waters ; JEHOVAH thundereth over the great waters.

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4 The voice of JEHOVAH is full of power; the voice of JEHOVAH is full of majesty :

5 The voice of JEHOVAH shivereth the cedars; JEHOVAH shivereth the cedars of Lebanon :

6 He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf; and Sirion like a young rhinoceros.

7 The voice of JEHOVAH scattereth lightnings; the voice of JEHOVAH shaketh the wilderness: JEHOVAH shaketh even the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of JEHOVAH shaketh the oaks, and strippeth the trees of the forest: while, in his sanctuary, every thing speaketh his glory.

9 JEHOVAH presideth over the storm; JEHOVAH will remain king for ever.

10 JEHOVAH will give power to his people; JEHOVAH will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXX.

I WILL extol thee, O JEHOVAH! because thou hast exalted me; and hast not suffered mine enemies to rejoice over me.

2 O JE-

2 O JEHOVAH ! my GOD ! when I cried unto thee ; thou didst restore me to health :

3 Thou, O JEHOVAH ! broughtest back my life from the grave ; thou preservedst me from descending into the pit.

4 Sing unto JEHOVAH, O ye his pious ones ! and commemorate, with praise, his holiness.

5 For, although there is reproof in his frown, there is life in his favour : there may be sorrow in the evening, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 In my prosperity, indeed, I thought I should never be shaken ; *because* thou, JEHOVAH ! hadst been pleased so firmly to establish my mountain.

7 But thou withdrewest thy countenance ; and I was suddenly dismayed.

8 Then I invoked thee, O JEHOVAH ! and to thee I made supplication.

9 " What gain," said I, " can arise from my blood, when I shall have gone down to the pit ? will dust praise thee ? or, will it declare thy truth ?

10 " Hear, O JEHOVAH ! and be gracious unto

unto me; O JEHOVAH! be thou mine helper."

11 *Then* thou turnedst my mourning into mirth; thou strippedst me of my sackcloth, and clothedst me with *a robe of joy*.

12 Therefore, my tongue shall praise thee without ceasing; O JEHOVAH! my GOD! I will praise thee for ever.

PSALM XXXI.

IN thee, O JEHOVAH! I place my trust, let me never be confounded; rescue me for thy justice's sake.

2 Incline thine ear unto me: and hasten to rescue me.

3 Be thou unto me a tower of strength, and a fortress of defence to save me.

4 For thou art my rock, and my fortress; lead and direct me for thine own name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the snare which mine enemies have laid for me; for thou, O JEHOVAH! art my strength.

6 Into thine hands, I recommend my life; rescue me, O JEHOVAH! GOD of truth.

7 Thou

7 Thou, O JEHOVAH ! hatest those who worship idols ; but I place my trust in thee.

8 I will exult and rejoice in thy goodness ; because thou hast considered mine affliction, *and* adverted to the distress of my soul :

9 *Because* thou hast rescued me from the hand of mine enemy ; and set my feet in a place of liberty.

10 Be gracious unto me, O JEHOVAH ! for I am in distress : mine eye ; yea, my soul, and my body are wasted with vexation !

11 My life is consumed with sorrow ; and my years with sighing !

12 My strength is exhausted by affliction : and my bones are corroded *with* grief !

13 I am the reproach of all mine enemies ; a burthen to my neighbours : mine acquaintance are afraid of me, and they who see me abroad, avoid me.

14 I am forgotten as one dead ; I am out of remembrance, like a vessel that has been lost.

15 When I hear the slander of the multitude, fear encompasseth me on every side :
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while they consult together against me, and conspire to take away my life.

16 But my trust is in thee, O JEHOVAH ! I say " Thou art my GOD :

17 " My time is in thine hands : rescue me from the hands of mine enemies and persecutors.

18 " Show thy servant the light of thy countenance : save me, O JEHOVAH ! for thy goodness' sake.

19 " Let me not be ashamed, O JEHOVAH ! for I have called upon thee : *but* let the wicked be confounded, and put to silence in the grave.

20 " Let the lips of falsehood be silenced, which speak hard things against the innocent, with haughtiness and contempt."

21 How great is thy goodness, O JEHOVAH ! which thou reservest for those who revere thee : and hast prepared, in despite of the sons of men, for those who place their trust in thee !

22 Thou hidest them, in the covert of thy presence, from the insults of men ; thou hidest them, in thine inmost sanctuary from contentious tongues.

23 Praised be JEHOVAH ; who hath
shown

shown me distinguished kindness in a fortified city.

24 In my consternation, I had said ;
 " I am utterly cut off from thy regard : "

25 But thou heardest my supplication,
 when I cried unto thee.

26 Love JEHOVAH, all ye his pious ones ;
 for JEHOVAH protecteth those who are faithful,
 but abundantly repayeth the insolent man.

27 Be firm, and take courage, all ye
 who place your trust in JEHOVAH !

PSALM XXXII.

HAPPY is he whose transgression is pardoned ;
 and whose sin is forgiven.

2 Happy is the man unto whom JEHOVAH
 imputeth not iniquity ; and in whose
 spirit there is no deceit.

3 While I was deaf to remorse, my bones
 were wasted from my daily complaining :

4 For thine hand was heavy upon me
 day and night ; and my moisture was
 changed like unto the drought in summer.

5 *At length*, I confessed my sin unto thee ;
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and mine iniquity I did not *attempt* to conceal.

6 I said ; “ I will confess my sins unto JEHOVAH,” and *straight* thou forgavest the guilt of my sin.

7 And every one who shall piously offer his prayer unto thee, (in the season when thy favour may yet be found) him the greatest water-floods shall not reach.

8 *Then may he say*, “ Thou art my refuge; thou hast preserved me from distress ; and given me cause for songs of deliverance.”

9 “ I myself,” *saidst thou*, “ will instruct thee ; and direct thee the way in which thou shouldst go : I will keep mine eye upon thee :

10 “ That thou be not like unto horse or mule, which have no understanding ; whose mouths must be under the command of bit and bridle, *else* they will not come near thee.”

11 Many sorrows await the wicked ; but mercy will embrace him who placeth his trust in JEHOVAH.

12 Be glad and rejoice in JEHOVAH, O ye righteous ! and be joyful, all ye who are upright in heart.

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PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in JEHOVAH, o ye just ! for praise becometh the righteous.

2 Praise JEHOVAH on the harp ; sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed psaltery.

3 Sing unto him a new song ; sing praises unto him tunefully with an exalted voice.

4 For the word of JEHOVAH is upright ; and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth justice and equity ; the earth is full of the goodness of JEHOVAH.

6 By the word of JEHOVAH were the heavens made ; and all their hosts by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathered the waters of the sea together, as in a bottle ; and layed up the depths as in a store-house.

8 Let the whole earth revere JEHOVAH ; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him ;

9 For he spoke, and it was made ; he commanded, and it rose into existence.

10 JEHOVAH frustrateth the counsels

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of nations ; and disappointeth the designs of peoples.

11 *But* the counsel of JEHOVAH endureth for ever ; and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Happy is the nation whose GOD is JEHOVAH ! *happy* the people, whom he hath chosen for his inheritance !

13 JEHOVAH looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children of men ; he vieweth all the inhabitants of the world, from the place of his habitation.

14 He disposeth all their hearts ; and attendeth to all their works.

15 No king is saved by a numerous host, neither is any mighty man delivered by the greatness of his strength :

16 The horse, for safety, is not to be depended on ; neither can he rescue *any man* by his great courage.

17 Lo ! the eye of JEHOVAH is upon those who fear him ; and upon those who place their trust in his mercy ;

18 To guard their lives from death ; and to preserve them *even* from famine.

19 Our souls patiently wait for JEHOVAH ; for he is our help and our shield.

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20 Therefore our heart rejoiceth in him; and we place our trust in his holy name.

21 Let thy loving-kindness, O JEHOVAH! be upon us; according as we place our trust in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL, at all times, praise JEHOVAH; his praise shall be continually in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in JEHOVAH; the afflicted shall hear of it, and rejoice.

3 Praise JEHOVAH with me; and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought JEHOVAH, and he heard me; and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look up to him, and be enlightened; and your faces shall never be ashamed.

6 [For JEHOVAH delivereth the lives of his servants; and they who place their trust in him shall not be destitute.]

7 When the afflicted man crieth, JEHOVAH heareth him; and delivereth him from all his troubles.

8 The angels of JEHOVAH encamp around those who revere him; and rescue them.

9 O ! taste and see how good JEHOVAH is ! happy is the man who placeth his trust in him.

10 Revere JEHOVAH ! ye who are his devoted *servants* ; for they, who revere him, want nothing.

11 Young lions may want, and suffer hunger ; but they who seek JEHOVAH, shall want no good thing.

12 Come, ye children *of men* ! and listen unto me ; I will teach you the fear of JEHOVAH.

13 Who is the man that desireth to live, and wisheth to see good days ?

14 Guard well thy tongue from evil ; and thy lips from uttering deceit.

15 Depart from evil, and do good ; seek peace, and pursue it.

16 *For* the eyes of JEHOVAH are upon the righteous ; and his ears are open to their supplications.

17 The countenance of JEHOVAH is *set* against those who do evil ; to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

18 The righteous cry, and JEHOVAH heareth ; and he delivereth them from all their distresses..

19 JEHOVAH

19 JEHOVAH is near unto the broken in heart; and saveth those, who are of a contrite spirit.

20 *Though* many are the sufferings of the righteous man; JEHOVAH delivereth him from all of them.

21 JEHOVAH guardeth all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

22 But misfortune shall slay the wicked; and those, who hate the righteous, JEHOVAH will destroy.

PSALM XXXV.

PLEAD thou my cause, O JEHOVAH! with those who contend with me; and fight thou against those, who fight against me.

2 Lay hold of the shield and buckler; and stand up in my defence.

3 Nay, draw forth thy spear and sword, and secure me from the assault of those who persecute me; say unto me,—“ I am thy salvation.”

4 Let those who seek my life, be confounded and put to shame; let those be repulsed and confounded, who devise mischief against me.

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5 Let them be like the dust before the wind; dispersed by the angel of JEHOVAH.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery; pursued by the angel of JEHOVAH.

7 For they have laid a snare for me without cause; without cause they have digged a pit for me.

8 Let ruin overtake them suddenly; let the snare which they laid, take hold on themselves, that they may fall into *the* destruction *prepared for others*.

9 Then shall my soul rejoice in JEHOVAH; and be over-joyed with his salvation.

10 *Then* all my bones shall say: "Who is like unto thee, O JEHOVAH! who deliverest the afflicted from the hand of him who was too strong for him; even the afflicted and the destitute, from him who would have despoiled him?"

11 False witnesses rise up against me; they lay to my charge crimes which are unknown to me.

12 They repay me evil for good; they *attempt to* bereave me of my life.

13 Yet, while they were sick, I clothed myself in sack-cloth, and humbled myself with fasting; but my prayer was returned into mine own bosom.

14 I walked

14 I walked about, as though it had been a friend or a brother ; I went heavily, like one who mourneth for a mother.

15 But, in mine adversity, they rejoiced, and associated together : revilers, whom I knew not, associated against me :

16 While they flattered me, they obliquely sneered at me ; they gnashed at me with their teeth.

17 How long, O JEHOVAH ! wilt thou look on ? oh ! rescue my life from their mischievous designs ; and my dearest life from those young lions.

18 *Then* will I celebrate thee in the great assembly ; I will praise thee before a numerous people.

19 Let not mine enemies, without cause, rejoice over me ; neither let those who hate me without reason, wink with their eyes.

20 For their discourse tendeth not to peace ; they devise deceitful words against those, who are peaceable in the land.

21 They open wide their mouths against me, and say : " Ha ! Ha ! our eyes behold, *what we only imagined.*"

22 *This* thou hast seen, O JEHOVAH !
therefore

be not thou silent *therefore*; neither be far from me, O JEHOVAH!

23 Awake, and exert thyself to do me justice; awake, O my GOD! and my LORD! to decide my cause.

24 Judge me, according to my righteousness, O JEHOVAH! my GOD! and let them not rejoice over me:

25 Lest they say in their heart,—“Ha! we have had our wish;” lest they say,—“We have devoured him.”

26 Let those, who rejoice at my calamity, be confounded and brought to shame: let those be covered with reproof and dishonour who magnify themselves against me.

27 *But* let those, who delight in mine innocence, sing aloud and rejoice in thee; and let them ever say,—“Praised be JEHOVAH, who hath favoured the cause of his servant.”

28 Then shall my tongue talk of thy justice; and daily resound thy praise.

PSALM XXXVI.

REBELLION lodgeth in the heart of the wicked; there is no fear of GOD before his eyes.

2 He

2 He even flattereth himself in his own sight ; lest he should discover and detest his iniquity.

3 The words of his mouth are full of iniquity and deceit ; he hath ceased to be *sufficiently* wise to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief *while* upon his bed ; he persisteth in a way which is not good, and abhorreth not the thing which is evil.

5 Thy loving-kindness, O JEHOVAH ! reacheth unto the heavens : *and* thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy justice standeth *firm* like the strong mountains ; thy judgments are like a deep abyss.

7 How precious is thy loving-kindness, JEHOVAH ! Thou, O JEHOVAH ! preservest man and beast ; therefore, the children of men shall take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of the good things of thine house ; and the torrent of pleasures thou makest them to drink.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life ; and by thy light we are enlightened.

10 Continue

10 Continue thy loving-kindness unto those, who know thee ; and thy righteousness to those who are upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud approach me ; nor the hand of the wicked disturb me.

12 Lo ! the workers of iniquity are fallen : they are thrown down, and are unable to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

FRET not thyself because of the wicked ; neither envy those who work iniquity :

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass ; and wither like the green herbage.

3 Place thou thy trust in JEHOVAH, and do good ; *then* thou shalt dwell in the land, and be fed with plenty :

4 Place thy delight in JEHOVAH ; and he will grant thee thy heart's desires.

5 Commit thy cause unto JEHOVAH, and place thy trust in him ; and he will bring it to a conclusion :

6 He will make thy justice appear as the light ; and thy righteousness as the noon-day's brightness.

7 Repose

7 Repose thyself on JEHOVAH, and place thy trust in him ;

8 Fret not thyself at him who prospereth, neither at the man who executeth wicked devices.

9 Forbear from wrath, and avoid anger ; be not angry even with the wicked :

10 For the wicked shall be utterly cut off ; but those who rest on JEHOVAH shall inherit the land.

11 Yet ; yet a while, and the wicked shall be no more ; thou mayst look for his place, but he shall not be found :

12 But the meek shall inherit the land ; and rejoice in the plenitude of peace.

13 The wicked man plotteth against the just ; and gnasheth at him with his teeth :

14 *But* JEHOVAH laugheth him to scorn ; who seeth that his day is coming on.

15 The wicked draw the sword, and bend the bow, to destroy the meek and the needy ; and to slay the upright :

16 *But* their sword shall enter their own hearts ; and their bow shall be broken in pieces.

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17 The little of the righteous, is better than the abundance of the wicked :

18 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken ; but JEHOVAH supporteth the righteous.

19 JEHOVAH watcheth over the days of the innocent ; and their inheritance shall endure for ever :

20 In the time of peril they shall not be confounded ; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

21 *But*, as for the wicked, and the enemies of JEHOVAH, they shall perish ; their honour and exaltation shall consume and vanish like smoke :

22 For as those who are blessed by him, shall inherit the land ; so those who are cursed by him shall be cut off.

23 The wicked man borroweth, but repayeth not ; but the just man giveth liberally :

24 He is daily liberal and lending ; and his posterity are blessed.

25 JEHOVAH directeth the good man's steps ; and maketh his way acceptable to himself ;

26 Though

26 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away ; for JEHOVAH supporteth him.

27 I have been young, and now am old ; but I never saw the just man forsaken ; nor his posterity begging their bread.

28 Depart from evil, and do good ; and thou shalt dwell in *the land* for ever :

29 For JEHOVAH loveth righteousness ; and will not forsake his devoted servants.

30 The humble are preserved for ever ; but the posterity of the wicked shall be cut off :

31 The just shall inherit the land ; and dwell in it for ever.

32 The mouth of the just talketh wisely ; and his tongue speaketh with judgment.

33 The law of JEHOVAH is in his heart ; his footsteps never slide.

34 The wicked man watcheth the just man ; and seeketh occasion to slay him :

35 But JEHOVAH will not leave him in his power ; nor condemn him when he is judged.

36 Trust thou in JEHOVAH, and keep his way ; then will he raise thee to the possession of the land, whilst thou shalt see the destruction of the wicked.

37 I have

37 I have seen the wicked man formidable *to all around him*; and expanding himself like a green cedar in its native soil:

38 But he passed away, and was no more; I sought him, but he was not to be found.

39 Observe the innocent, and behold the righteous man; for his last end is peace:

40 But the transgressors shall be utterly destroyed; and the last end of the wicked is, they shall be cut off.

41 The salvation of the righteous is from JEHOVAH; he is their safeguard in the time of distress.

42 JEHOVAH will help and deliver them; he will deliver them from the wicked, and will save them, because they have placed their trust in him.

PSALM XXXVIII.

O JEHOVAH! reprove me not in thine anger; neither chastize me in thy wrath:

2 For thine arrows have stuck fast in me; and thine hand hath been heavy upon me.

3 There is no soundness in my flesh,
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because of thy displeasure ; nor rest in my bones, because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities hang over mine head ; they are like an heavy load, they are too much for me to bear.

5 My wounds are become loathsome and offensive, because of mine own folly.

6 My body is exceedingly bowed down ; I go about mourning all the day long :

7 For my bowels are full of burning heat ; and there is no sound part in my body.

8 I am enfeebled, and greatly reduced ; I cry aloud from the agitation of mine heart.

9 Thou knowest, O JEHOVAH ! all my desires ; and my sighs are not hidden from thee.

10 Mine heart panteth, my strength faileth me ; and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 They, who were my familiar friends, now keep at a distance from my wounds ; even my kinsmen stand far aloof.

12 While they who seek my life lay snares *for me* ; and they who seek my ruin, speak mischievous and deceitful words *against* me all the day long.

13 But as for me, I am like a deaf man,
who heareth not ; and like a dumb man,
who openeth not his mouth.

14 I behave like one who heareth nothing ;
or who hath not a mouth to refute
their calumnies.

15 For in thee, O JEHOVAH ! I place my
trust ; thou wilt answer for me, O JEHOVAH !
my GOD !

16 " Lest (said I) they rejoice over me ;
and exult at the slipping of my foot ; for I
am just ready to totter."

17 Yet my sorrow is constantly before
me ; for mine iniquity I have confessed,
and I am grieved for my sin.

18 But mine enemies live and prosper ;
and those who hate me without cause multiply.

19 Those who repay me evil for good,
accuse me falsely ; because I follow that
which is good.

20 Forsake me not, O JEHOVAH ! be
not, my GOD ! far distant from me.

21 Hasten to mine aid, O JEHOVAH !
thou GOD of my salvation.

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PSALM XXXIX.

1 SAID: "I will take heed unto my ways, that I offend not with my tongue.

2 "I will keep my mouth, as it were with a bridle, while the wicked are in my sight."

3 So I was dumb, *and remained* in silence; I refrained from *speaking even what was* good, but my sorrow increased:

4 Mine heart grew hot within me; *at last*, the heat increased, and I spoke with my tongue, *and said*:

5 "Make known unto me, O JEHOVAH! mine end, and how short the number of my days, that I may know how perishable I am.

6 "Lo! thou hast made my days, as it were, a span long, and mine age is even as nothing before thee: surely, every man, at best, is altogether vanity.

7 "Surely, man walketh after a shadow, and needlessly disquieteth himself; he accumulath *riches*, but knoweth not who shall inherit them.

8 "What then, O JEHOVAH! is mine hope? Truly, my whole hope is from thee.

9 "Oh! acquit me from all my transgressions;

gressions; and suffer me not to be the reproach of the fool.

10 "I was silent, and opened not my mouth; because thou so ordainedst it.

11 "But remove thy chastisement from me; I am consumed by a stroke of thine hand.

12 "When thou correctest man for iniquity, thou makest his desirable things to consume like a cancer; surely, every man is altogether vanity.

13 "Hear my supplication, O JEHOVAH! incline thine ear unto my cry; be not regardless of my tears.

14 "For I am a stranger with thee; a sojourner, like all my forefathers.

15 "O spare me! that I may recover my strength before I go hence, and be no more *seen*."

PSALM XL.

I HAVE stedfastly looked up to JEHOVAH; and he hath listened unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He hath brought me out of the pit of misery, out of the mire and clay; and set my

my feet upon a rock, and made all my goings sure.

3 He hath put into my mouth a new song ; a song of praise to our GOD : that many may see, and revere, and place their trust in JEHOVAH.

4 Happy is the man who maketh JEHOVAH his confidence ; and who looketh *not for help* unto the proud, or unto the favourers of imposture.

5 Many, O JEHOVAH ! our GOD !, are the wonderful works which thou hast done ; and thy kind providences toward us cannot be enumerated.

6 I would declare and rehearse them ; but they are more than can be enumerated.

7 *Yet for this*, thou desirest not sacrifice, nor oblation ; burnt-offering and sin-offering thou requirest not : *but* thou hast opened mine ears *that I should hearken unto thy voice*.

8 Then I said : " Lo ! I come to do thy will ; in the volume it is prescribed to me, to do what is pleasing unto thee, O JEHOVAH !" This is my delight, for thy law is within mine heart.

9 I have proclaimed thy righteousness in the great assembly ; lo ! I have not re-

strained my lips *from doing it*, as thou, O JEHOVAH ! knowest.

10 I have not hidden thy righteousness within mine heart; I have proclaimed thy truth and thy saving mercy :

11 I have not concealed thy loving kindness and thy truth from the great assembly.

12 Withdraw not, *therefore*, O JEHOVAH ! thy mercy from me ; but let thy loving-kindness and thy truth ever preserve me.

13 For innumerable evils encompass me; mine afflictions have so overpowered me, that I am not able to look up : they are more in number than the hairs of mine head, and mine heart faileth me.

14 O JEHOVAH ! be pleased to rescue me : hasten to mine aid.

15 Let all those be confounded and covered with shame, who seek to take away my life : let those be driven backward and brought to confusion, who wish me evil.

16 Let those who say of me, " Ahah ! Ahah ! " * be overwhelmed with sudden shame.

17 *But* let all those who seek thee, be

* An interjection of contemptuous triumph, which David's enemies are supposed to utter, by way of insult.

joyful

falsehood, whilst his heart was collecting lies ; which, as soon as he went forth, he uttered.

7 All those who hated me, whispered against me ; and devised mischief against me :

8 " Let the lawless thing," (*said they,*) of *which he has been guilty*, stick close unto him : from the place where he lieth, let him rise up no more."

9 Nay, mine own familiar friend in whom I trusted, *and* who did eat of mine own bread : even he hath egregiously betrayed me.

10 But be thou gracious unto me, o JEHOVAH ! and raise me up again, that I may requite them.

11 By this I shall know that thou favourest me ; if mine enemies do not triumph over me :

12 If thou support me in mine innocence ; and replace me in thy presence for ever.

13 Praised be JEHOVAH, the GOD of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

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PSALM XLII.

As the hart panteth after streams of water, so panteth my soul after thee, O GOD!

2 My soul thirsteth for GOD, even for the living GOD; when shall I go, and appear before the presence of GOD?

3 My tears are my food by day and by night: while my foes are daily saying unto me,—“Where now is thy GOD?”

4 I pour out mine heart within me, while I call to mind those days, in which I was wont to frequent thy tabernacle: in the midst of shouts of joy, and the praises of the multitude, keeping holy-day.

5 *But* why shouldst thou be dejected, o my soul! and why shouldst thou be disquieted within me?

6 Place thy trust in GOD! for I will still praise him, who is the support of my countenance, and my GOD.

7 Although my soul be cast down within me, I remember thee, from the land of Jordan, and the steep mountains of Hermon.

8 As

8 As *here* deep re-echoeth to deep, from the sound of thy water-falls ; so thy waves and thy billows have passed over me.

9 Nevertheless, in the day time, I proclaim the goodness of JEHOVAH ; and in the night season, I sing praises unto the living GOD.

10 I say unto GOD :—" *Thou* art my rock : why hast thou forgotten me ? why go I *thus* mourning because of the oppression of the enemy ?"

11 The reproach of mine enemies is a sword in my bones ; while they daily say unto me,—"*Where now is thy GOD ?*"

12 *But* why shouldst thou be dejected, o my soul ! and why shouldst thou be disquieted within me ?

13 Place thy trust in GOD ; for I will still praise him, who is the support of my countenance, and my GOD.

PSALM XLIII.

JUDGE me, o GOD ! and plead my cause against an unmerciful people ; deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 Since

2 Since thou art the GOD of my strength, why wilt thou cast me off? why go I *thus* mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 Oh! display thy light and thy truth, that they may conduct me, *and* bring me back unto thy holy mountain and thy tabernacle.

4 Then will I approach the altar of JEHOVAH, the GOD of my joy and exultation; and upon the harp will I praise thee, O JEHOVAH! my GOD!

5 Why shouldst thou be dejected, o my soul! and why shouldst thou be disquieted within me?

6 Place thy trust in GOD; for I still praise him, who is the support of my countenance, and my GOD.

PSALM XLIV.

WE have heard with our ears, O GOD! *and* our fathers have related to us the works which thou didst in the days of old.

2 Thou didst with thine own hand expel nations, but thou *also* didst plant them: thou

thou didst extirpate other nations, but thou *also* madest them to flourish :

3 For they got not possession of the land by their own sword : nor were they victorious by their own arm ;

4 But through thy right-hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance ; because thou didst favour them.

5 Thou, o GOD ! art still my king ; who, by thy command givest victory unto Jacob.

6 By thy help, we may drive back our enemies ; and in thy name we may trample upon our adversaries.

7 For I would not trust in mine own bow ; nor should mine own sword obtain me the victory :

8 Because it is thou, who must save us from our enemies ; and confound those who hate us ;

9 It is in thee, o GOD ! we have ever gloried ; and we will praise thy name for ever.

10 But thou hast cast us off, and put us to shame ; and goest not forth with our armies.

11 Thou

11 Thou hast put us to flight before our enemies; and those who hate us make us their prey.

12 Thou givest us up, like sheep for the slaughter; and dispersest us among the nations.

13 Thou sellest thine own people, without gain; and enrichest not thyself from their barter.

14 Thou exposest us to the reproach of our neighbours; to the scorn and derision of those who are round about us;

15 Thou makest us a bye-word among the nations; and the people to shake their heads at us.

16 Our confusion is daily before us; and shame covereth our faces;

17 On account of the reproaches of the reviler and blasphemer; and because of the enemy and avenger.

18 All this hath come upon us; yet we do not forget thee, neither do we violate thy covenant.

19 Our heart doth not revolt from thee; neither do our steps turn aside from thy way:

20 Although thou hast thrust us into a place,

place of desolation ; and covered us with the shadow of death.

21 If we should forget the name of our GOD, and stretch forth our hands to a strange GOD,—would not *our* GOD search out this ? he, who knoweth the secrets of the heart ?

22 *Yet*, for thy sake we are daily slain ; and reputed as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Arise ! why sleepest thou, O JEHOVAH ! awake, and cast us not off for ever.

24 Why shouldst thou hide thy countenance, and forget our affliction and oppression ?

25 For our soul is humbled to the dust ; our body cleaveth to the ground.

26 Arise to our aid, and deliver us for thy loving-kindness' sake.

PSALM XLV.

MY heart teemeth with a pleasant subject ; my tongue is like the pen of a ready writer :

2 I will address my composition unto the king.

3 Thou

3 Thou art more beautiful than the sons of men; grace is diffused on thy lips, because GOD hath blessed thee.

4 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, thou mighty prince! thy majesty and renown are for ever.

5 Ride on prosperously in the cause of truth, meekness, and righteousness; and let thy right-hand do formidable things: nations shall fall down before thee.

6 Thine arrows, o king! are very sharp; they shall pierce the hearts of thine enemies;

7 Thy throne shall GOD establish for ever; for the sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of equity:

8 Thou lovest justice, and hatest wickedness: therefore, JEHOVAH, thy GOD, hath anointed thee with the oil of joy, more abundantly than any of thine equals.

9 Myrrh, aloes, and cassia, from ivory cabinets, perfume all thy garments, and delight thee *with their fragrance*.

10 Kings' daughters are among thine honourable women; on thy right-hand standeth the queen, *arrayed with the gold of Ophir*.

11 Hearken,

11 **Hearken**, o princess ! be attentive, and lend thine ear ; forget thine own people and thy father's house :

12 That the king may take pleasure in thy beauty ; for *now* he is thy lord, bow down to him :

13 So shall Tyre bring its gifts to thee ; and the rich also among *thy* people shall entreat favour.

14 The queen is all-glorious in her appearance ; her robe is of wrought gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the king, in raiment of needle-work, *and* her virgin-companions shall attend her :

16 They shall be brought unto thee with joy ; and shall enter into the king's palace with rejoicing and exultation.

17 The place of thy fathers shall be supplied by sons, whom thou shalt make princes through all the land.

18 I will render thy name memorable through all generations : so that the peoples shall celebrate thee for ever and ever.

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PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our hope and our strength ; a ready helper in the time of distress.

2 Therefore, we will not be afraid, though the earth itself should be shaken, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea :

3 Though its waters should roar and rage ; and the mountains should quake from the swelling of the same.

4 Yet a limpid river [*Sihah*] would gladden with its streams the city of GOD, the sacred abode of the most high,

5 GOD being in the midst of her, *therefore* she shall not be shaken ; for GOD will come early to her aid.

6 When nations raged, and kingdoms were in motion *to invade her* ; he only uttered his voice, and the earth melted.

7 JEHOVAH, *the God* of hosts, was with us ; the GOD of Jacob was our fortress.

8 Come, and behold the mighty works of JEHOVAH : what wonders he hath done in the land :

9 It is he who causeth wars to cease
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from its boundaries ; who breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear asunder, and burneth the chariots *of war* with fire.

10 "Be at rest," *saith he*, "and acknowledge that I am GOD : I will be exalted among the nations ; I will be exalted throughout the earth."

11 JEHOVAH, *the God* of hosts, is with us ; the GOD of Jacob is our fortress.

PSALM XLVII.

CLAP your hands, all ye people ! sing unto our GOD with the voice of triumph :

2 For JEHOVAH, the most high, is to be feared ; he is the great king over all the earth.

3 It is he who hath subjected peoples unto us ; and put nations under our feet :

4 For us he hath selected our inheritance ; even the glorious inheritance of Jacob, his beloved.

5 Let GOD be extolled with a shout ; JEHOVAH, with the sound of the trumpet.

6 Sing ye praises, sing praises unto GOD ; sing ye praises, sing praises unto our king :

7 For

7 For GOD is king over all the earth ;
sing praises, *therefore, unto him* with a me-
lodious voice ;

8 Unto GOD, who reigneth over the na-
tions ; unto GOD, who sitteth on his holy
throne.

9 *There* assemble the princes of the peo-
ple, the people of the GOD of Abraham :

10 For unto GOD, supremely exalted, be-
longeth the earth.

PSALM XLVIII.

GREAT IS JEHOVAH, and highly to be
praised ; in the city of our GOD, his holy
mountain.

2 Beautiful is the situation of mount
Zion, *and* the delight of the whole land :
on the north side is the city of the great
king ; in her palaces, GOD is known as her
sure defence.

3 For, lo ! when the associated kings
had come over together *against her* ;

4 As soon as they saw her, they were
astonished ; they were confounded, and
hastily retreated :

5 There, a trembling seized on them ;
and sorrow like that of a woman in travail :

6 Or, like the east wind, which *in a moment* dasheth in pieces the ships of Tarshish.

7 We now see, what we have often heard, concerning the city of JEHOVAH, *the God* of hosts, concerning the city of our GOD;—that GOD hath established her for ever.

8 We meditate, O GOD ! thy loving-kindness, in the midst of thy temple.

9 As thy name, O GOD ! so shall thy praise resound unto the ends of the earth : thy right-hand is full of righteousness !

10 Let mount Zion rejoice ; let the cities of Judah exult ; for thy judgments, O JEHOVAH ! are just.

11 Walk about Zion, and go round her, and number her towers :

12 Mark well her bulwarks, and count her palaces ; that ye may tell *these things* to the next generation.

13 Surely this GOD will be our GOD ; surely he will be our guide for ever and ever.

PSALM XLIX.

HEAR this, all ye peoples ! give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world !

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2 Those of low rank and those of high;
the rich as well as the poor.

3 My mouth shall utter lessons of wisdom;
and the meditations of my mind
shall be instruction.

4 I will bow down mine ear to a parable;
I will open my proposition on the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days
of adversity; when the iniquity of the fraudulent surroundeth me;

6 Of those, who confide in their own
riches; and glory in the greatness of their
wealth?

7 No man can deliver *from death* his brother;
nor give unto GOD a ransom for him:

8 Or a redemption-price for his life; so
that he should be spared for ever; and live
for ever, and never see corruption.

9 For it is evident, that the wise themselves
die as well as the foolish and thoughtless;
they all perish alike, and leave their
riches to others.

10 Their grave is their house for ever,
their habitation through all generations:
on earth they call their lands after their own
name.

11 Nevertheless, a man of riches, when he receiveth not instruction, resembleth the beasts, and is like them.

12 Such is their conduct, and foolish confidence ; and their posterity follow their example.

13 They shall be laid in the grave like sheep ; death shall be their shepherd, and have dominion over them :

14 Their beauty shall consume away ; and the grave shall be their habitation.

15 But GOD will deliver my life from the power of the grave : for he will receive me.

16 Fear not, *therefore*, because a man is grown rich ; and the glory of his house is increased :

17 For, at his death, he shall carry nothing away : neither shall his glory follow him.

18 Although in his life he deemed himself happy ; and was praised while he was in prosperity :

19 Yet he shall go to the generation of his fathers, and see the light no more.

20 Thus, a man of riches, when he receiveth ;

receiveth not instruction, resembleth the beasts; and is like unto them.

PSALM L.

JEHOVAH, the mighty GOD, speaketh; and calleth to *the inhabitants* of the land, from the rising of the sun to the setting of the same.

2 From Zion, the perfection of beauty, GOD showeth himself in his splendour.

3 GOD cometh, and will not be silent; before him is a devouring fire, surrounded by a mighty tempest.

4 He calleth to the heavens and to the earth *to be witnesses*, while he judgeth his people.

5 Let his worshippers assemble together, who make a covenant with him by sacrifice:

6 That the heavens may testify his righteousness; for GOD himself is to be the judge.

7 "Hear," saith he, "o my people! while I speak; while I protest against thee, o Israel! for I am GOD, even thy GOD.

8 "I reprove thee, not on account of thy sacrifices; for thy burnt-offerings are continually before me.

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9 "I will

9 "I will not accept of the bullocks from thy stalls; nor of the he-goats from thy folds:

10 "For every beast of the forest is mine; the cattle *also* upon a thousand hills.

11 "I own every bird of the air; and every living creature in the field is mine.

12 "If I were hungry, I would not apply to thee; for the whole world is mine, and all that it contains.

13 "Shall I *then* eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 "No; offer unto GOD the sacrifice of praise; and perform thy vows to the most high.

15 "Call upon me in the time of distress! and when I deliver thee, glorify thou me."

16 But unto the wicked GOD saith: "How becometh it thee to talk of my statutes?

17 "My covenant thou hast in thy mouth; but thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 "If thou see a thief, thou joinest him; and thou art a partaker with adulterers.

19 "Thou

19 "Thou openest thy mouth to utter malice; and thy tongue frameth deceit after deceit.

20 "Thou speakest falsehood against thy brother; and slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 "These things thou doest,—and shall I be silent? thinkest thou that I am like thyself?—I will reprove and convict thee to thy face.

22 "Mark this; ye, who are forgetful of GOD! lest I cut thee off,—and none shall rescue thee.

23 "He, whose sacrifice is praise, honoureth me; and unto such I will show the way of salvation."

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O GOD! according to thy goodness, according to the greatness of thy mercies, blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever present to my view.

4 Before thee, before thee only, I sinned, and under thine eyes I did the evil; so that
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thou art just in thy sentence, and irreproachable in thy judgment *upon me.*

5 Alas ! I was born to iniquity ; and to sin my mother conceived me :

6 But thou, who delightest in truth, hast taught me the secrets of thy wisdom.

7 Purify me with hyssop, that I may be clean ; wash me, that I may be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear a message of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sin ; and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Re-create in me, o GOD ! a clean heart, and renew an upright mind within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence ; neither take thine holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and support me with a cheerful spirit.

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted to thee.

14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, o GOD ! the GOD of my salvation ! and my tongue shall celebrate thy mercy.

15 O JEHO-

15 O JEHOVAH ! open thou my lips ;
and my mouth shall proclaim thy praise.

16 Didst thou delight in sacrifice, I
would give it : but, *in such cases*, thou ac-
ceptest not of burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice in which GOD delighteth
is a contrite mind ; a broken and contrite
heart GOD never despiseth.

18 Be gracious with thy favour unto
Zion ; build thou the walls of Jerusalem ;

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the
sacrifices of the righteous, the burnt-offer-
ings and oblations ; then shall they offer
young bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.

WHY shouldst thou boast, o thou shame-
less man ! of *thy* wickedness ?

2 Thy tongue is daily devising mischief ;
like a razor that is sharpened, executing
slaughter.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good ;
and falsehood more than sincerity.

4 Thou lovest all who meditate destruc-
tive purposes ; o thou deceitful tongue !

5 Therefore, GOD will utterly destroy
thee : he will make thee afraid, and tear
thee

thee from thy dwelling ; and extirpate thee from the land of the living.

6 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice ; and shall laugh thee to scorn.

7 "Behold," *will they say*, "the man who made not God his strength ; but, trusting in the abundance of his riches, confirmed himself in his wickedness."

8 But, as for me, I shall be, in the house of God, like a flourishing olive tree : for I will ever trust in the goodness of God.

9 I will ever celebrate thee, O JEHOVAH ! for what thou hast done ; and spread abroad thy fame for ever before thy worshippers.

PSALM LIII.

THE profligate imagine, there is no God ! They are corrupted, and commit abominable iniquity ; there is not one of them that doth good, *not even one*.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see whether there were any so wise as to seek God.

3 But they are all gone astray, they are all corrupted : not one of them doth good, not even one.

4 Are

4 Are all the workers of iniquity without understanding, that they devour my people as they would devour bread?

5 Since they call not upon God, they shall greatly fear, who never feared before; for God will scatter the bones of the profligate; they shall be confounded, for God despiseth them.

6 O that deliverance may come to Israel from Zion! When God reverseth the captivity of his people, Jacob will exult, and Israel will rejoice.

PSALM LII.

SAVE me, O GOD! for thy name's sake: and do me justice in thy might.

2 Hear my prayer, O GOD! give ear unto the words of my mouth.

3 For the proud are risen up against me, and the oppressors seek my life; they set not God before them.

4 Yet God is mine helper; JEHOVAH is the support of my life.

5 Let the evil of mine enemies revert upon themselves; for thy truth's sake, O God! destroy them.

6 I will

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee ; I will praise thy gracious name, O JEHOVAH !

7 For thou deliverest me from all my distress ; and lettest me see mine enemies punished.

PSALM LV.

HEAR my prayer, O GOD ! and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and answer me, *for* I am dejected in my prayer :

3 Because I am disturbed with the clamours of the enemy, and with the oppressive violence of the wicked.

4 For they falsely impute iniquity to me ; and with fury set themselves against me.

5 Mine heart is wounded within me, and the terrors of death are come upon me :

6 Fear and trembling have seized me, and horror hath overwhelmed me :

7 And I say, " O that I had wings ! like a dove would I fly to some retreat :

8 " Lo ! I would wander away to a distance, *and* take up my abode in a wilderness.

9 " I would

9 "I would hasten away to a shelter from the sweeping storm and the devouring whirlwind."

10 Confound, O JEHOVAH! confound their counsels; for I know that, in the city, are violence and strife:

11 These go round on her walls, day and night; iniquity and mischief are in the midst of her:

12 All sorts of depravity are in the midst of her; fraud and deceit depart not from her streets.

13 It was not an open enemy, who reviled me, for that I could have borne; nor one owing me hatred, who rose up against me, from him I could have hidden myself:

14 But it was thou, a man whom I esteemed! my conductor, and my familiar friend!

15 We sweetly consulted together in private converse; *and* in public, we walked together to the house of GOD.

16 Let sudden death seize on them, let them go down alive to the grave; for wickedness is in their dwellings, *and* in their hearts.

17 But

17 But as for me, I will call upon God, and JEHOVAH will save me.

18 In the evening and morning, and at noon, I pray, I cry aloud, and make my voice heard.

19 "Deliver my life in peace, *I say*, from my nearest of kin, for they are among those who contend with me.

20 "May God hear me, and humble them; and bring them back to their duty!"

21 As they have yet experienced no misfortune, therefore they have no fear of God.

22 They lift up their hands against those who are at peace, and break their covenant with them.

23 *The words of their mouths are softer than butter*, but war is in their heart; their words are smoother than oil, but in reality, they are drawn swords.

24 Place thy confidence in JEHOVAH, and he will support thee; he will never suffer the righteous to be cast down.

25 But thou, O God! shalt bring them down to the pit of destruction; bloody and deceitful men shall not live half their days; but, as for me, I will place my trust in JEHOVAH.

PSALM LVI.

HAVE pity on me, o GOD ! for man panteth for my life ; he is daily at war *with me* to oppress me.

2 Mine enemies daily pant for my life ; and they are many who war against me.

3 From day to day, I am in dread ; yet, in thee will I place my trust.

4 I will comfort myself in GOD'S word ; I will trust in GOD, and will not fear what man can do unto me.

5 They daily pervert my words ; and all their designs tend to do me mischief.

6 They meet secretly, and mark my steps ; watching an opportunity to take away my life.

7 Deliver *me* from them on account of their iniquity : bring them down, o GOD ! in *thy* displeasure.

8 Thou, o GOD ! numberest my wanderings ; thou collectest my tears in thy bottle : are they not *recorded* in thy book ?

9 When I call upon thee, let mine enemies be put to flight ; by this I shall know that thou, o GOD ! art with me.

10 In GOD's word will I rejoice ; in GOD will I place my trust.

11 Yea, in GOD will I place my trust : *and* will not fear what man can do unto me.

12 Unto thee, o GOD ! I will pay my vows ; I will offer praises unto thee :

13 For thou deliverest my life from death, and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before thee, o GOD ! in the light of the living.

PSALM LVII.

HAVE pity on me, o GOD ! have pity on me ; for my soul taketh refuge in thee : in the shadow of thy wings I shelter myself, until these calamities pass away.

2 I call upon GOD, even the most high GOD, who is ever bountiful to me :

3 Who sendeth me salvation from the heavens ; and exposeth those to shame who would destroy me.

4 GOD displayed his bounty and truth : he delivered my life from the midst of lions, from the midst of ferocious men ; whose teeth were spears and arrows, and whose tongues were sharp swords.

5 A net

5 A net they had prepared for my steps,
and a trap for my life; they had digged a
pit before me, but have fallen into it them-
selves.

6 Be thou exalted, o GOD! above the
heavens; be thy glory displayed over all
the earth.

7 Mine heart is ready, o GOD! mine
heart is ready; I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake, my tongue; awake, my lyre
and harp! I will wake the early morning!

9 I will praise thee, o JEHOVAH! among
the peoples; I will celebrate thee among
the nations:

10 For thy bounty reacheth unto the
heavens; and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, o GOD! above
the heavens; be thy glory displayed over
all the earth.

PSALM LVIII.

do ye administer justice, o ye princes?
do ye judge with equity the sons of men?

2 Nay; in your hearts ye meditate ini-
quity; and with your hands ye commit
violence in the land.

3 The wicked are strangers to compas-

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sion ; they stray from sincerity, and speak falsehood.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent ; like that of the deaf aspic, which stoppeth its ear, and listeneth not to the voice of the charmers, howsoever well skilled in incantations.

5 Break, O GOD ! their teeth in their mouths ; destroy, O JEHOVAH ! the grinders of *those* young lions.

6 May they waste away like water which runneth continually ; when GOD aimeth his shafts at them, may they be cut off.

7 Like as the snail dissolveth, so may they pass away ; like an abortion, who seeth not the sun.

8 Before their thorns *have gathered strength to* heat their pots, may they, like teasels and thistles, be dispersed.

9 Then shall the righteous man rejoice when he beholdeth *such* vengeance *taken* ; when he may bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.

10 Then will men say : " Truly, there are rewards for the righteous ; truly, there is a GOD, who is judge on the earth."

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PSALM LIX.

DELIVER me, O my GOD ! from mine enemies ; defend me from those who rise up against me :

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity ; and preserve me from blood-thirsty men.

3 For, lo ! they lie in wait for my life ; the mighty men are combined against me, without any offence or fault of mine, O JEHOVAH !

4 They make ready against me, although without iniquity I steered my course ; arise thou, *therefore*, to mine assistance, and look upon me.

5 Do thou, the GOD of hosts ! the GOD of Israel ! awake to punish all such people ; spare *thou* none who work iniquity.

6 Every evening they return to *the charge* ; like dogs they howl around the city :

7 Lo ! they utter blasphemies with their mouths ; and sharp reproaches with their lips : but who listens to *them* ?

8 But thou, O JEHOVAH ! shalt deride them ;

them ; thou shalt laugh to scorn all *such* people.

9 Unto thee, o my strength ! will I sing praise ; for GOD is my strong-hold.

10 Thou, o GOD ! art most gracious unto me ; o GOD ! thou anticipatest my needs ; and wilt make me to behold mine enemies become a spectacle.

11 Slay them not *at present*, lest thy people forget it ; but disperse them by thy mighty power : o JEHOVAH ! our protector, depose them.

12 For the sins of their mouths, and for the words of their lips, let them be overtaken in their haughtiness :

13 For the imprecations and falsehood which they utter, *at length*, destroy them in thy wrath ; destroy them, that not one of them may remain : that it may be known to the ends of the earth, that JEHOVAH ruleth in Israel.

14 *Although* they return every evening, and howl like dogs around the city ; let them stroll in quest of food, and murmur, if they be not satisfied.

15 But as for me, I will sing of thy power, and early in the morning will I praise thy

thy kindness; for thou hast been my fortress, and my refuge in the day of my distress.

16 Unto thee, o my strength! will I sing praise; for GOD is my strong-hold, and a most gracious GOD unto me.

PSALM LX.

THOU, o GOD! hast rejected and dispersed us; thou art *still* angry with us, o restore us to thy favour!

2 Thou hast shaken the land, *and* rent it; heal its breaches, for *still* it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shown thy people great severity; thou hast made them drink troubled wine:

4 Thou hast impressed thy worshippers with terror, so as to *cause them to* fly from the face of the bow.

5 Hear! and rescue us with thy right-hand, that thy beloved *people* may be delivered.

6 GOD answereth *favourably* from his sanctuary, *therefore*, I will rejoice: I shall *yet* divide Sichem into lots, and measure out the valley of Suchoth:

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7 Gilad shall be mine, and Manasseh shall be mine; Ephraim shall be the helmet of mine head; and Judah my law-giver:

8 Moab shall be my washing-pot; at Edom I shall cast my shoe, and over the Philistines I shall triumph.

9 Who will lead me to that strong city? who will conduct me to Edom?

10 Wilt thou, O GOD! still reject us, and not go forth with our armies?

11 Grant *now* thine aid after our distress; for vain is the help of man.

12 Through GOD we shall do great deeds; for he will tread down our enemies.

PSALM LXI.

LISTEN, O GOD! to my cry; give ear unto my prayer.

2 From the extremity of the land I invoke thee, while mine heart is overwhelmed with grief, from mine enemy's being exalted above me.

3 Ah! direct me, for thou art my hope; a tower of strength against the enemy.

4 I shall yet dwell long in thy tabernacle;

nacle; and take refuge under the covert of thy wings.

5 For thou, O GOD ! wilt hear my vows; and wilt give me, for an inheritance, the people who revere thy name.

6 Thou shalt give a long succession of days unto the king; *and* shalt extend his years from generation to generation :

7 He shall remain long in thy presence, O GOD ! thy faithfulness and kindness shall be his guard.

8 Thus will I ever sing praise unto thy name, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

O MY soul ! trust thou in GOD alone ; *for* from him cometh my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my fortress ; my safe-guard, so that I cannot be greatly cast down.

3 How long will ye conspire against a *single* man ? will all of you combine to slay me ?

4 They only consult how to cast *me* down from mine eminence, like a tottering wall, or a broken fence :

5 They delight in falsehood ; and while they

they bless with their mouths, they curse in their hearts.

6 O my soul! trust thou in GOD alone; for from him is all mine expectation.

7 He alone is my rock and my fortress: my safe-guard, so that I cannot be cast down.

8 GOD is my salvation and my glory; GOD is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Place your trust in him, at all times, O ye people! *and* pour forth your hearts before him; for GOD is our only refuge.

10 Men of low degree are vain, and men of high degree are deceitful; when weighed in the balance, they are all together lighter than vanity itself.

11 Trust not to extortion; be not elated with rapine: when riches increase, set not your hearts upon them.

12 GOD hath spoken once; *yea*, twice have I heard it said; "that power belongeth unto thee, O GOD!"

13 "That thou, O JEHOVAH! art merciful; and that thou wilt render to every man, according to his deeds."

PSALM LXIII.

O JEHOVAH ! thou art my GOD ; I seek thee early.

2 My soul thirsteth after thee, my flesh longeth for thee, like a dry and drougthy land, without water.

3 Hence I look toward thee in holiness *of mind*, to see thy strength and thy glory.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than life ; therefore, my lips shall praise thee.

5 Thus will I praise thee through life ; and lift up mine hands in thy name :

6 As though my soul were satisfied with fat and marrow, my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips :

7 While on my bed, I call thee to mind ; during the watches of the night, I meditate on thee.

8 Because thou hast ever been mine helper, I will rejoice while I am under the shadow of thy wings.

9 My soul cleaveth fast unto thee ; thy right-hand supporteth me :

10 While they, who seek to destroy my life, shall go down to the lower parts of the earth :

11 They shall fall by the sword; and become a portion for beasts of prey.

12 But the king shall rejoice in GOD: and every one who sweareth by him shall rejoice, while the mouths of those, who utter falsehood, shall be stopped.

PSALM LKIV.

HEAR my voice, O GOD! in my supplication; preserve my life from the fear of mine enemies.

2 Hide me from the *private* conspiracy of the malignant; and from the *public* insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongues like a sword; and aim, like arrows, their envenomed words;

4 To shoot, secretly, at the innocent man; they hit him when he is not aware, and while they are not seen.

5 They encourage themselves in *this* evil deed; they confer how to hide *their* snares; and say; "Who shall see us?"

6 They disguise their iniquities, and hide them with deep dissimulation; they explore the mind of man, and the depth of his heart.

7 But

7 But GOD will shoot an arrow at them ; and suddenly shall they be smitten :

8 Their calumny shall recoil on themselves ; and all who see them shall avoid them.

9 Then shall all men behold, and proclaim the work of GOD ; for they shall understand it to be his doing.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in JESU-VAH, and trust in him ; and all those who are upright of heart shall glory in him.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE awaiteth thee, O GOD ! in Zion ; and unto thee shall the vows be performed.

2 O thou who hearest prayer ! unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 Great, indeed, were our iniquities ; but thou hast pardoned our transgressions.

4 Happy is he whom thou choosest to be near thee, and to dwell in thy courts : where he may be satisfied with the good things of thine house, and the holy things of thy temple.

5 Terribly, but justly, thou dealest with us, O thou, the GOD of our salvation !
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the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the remotest seas !

6 Thou who fixest the mountains by thy power ; and art girded with mightiness :

7 Thou who stillest the roaring of the seas, and the noise of their waves ; and the turbulence of the peoples !

8 The inhabitants of the remotest parts of the earth stand in awe of the tokens of thy power : thou makest the returns of morning and evening to sing for joy :

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it ; thou greatly enrichest it : by distributing the fullness of the waters, thou, O GOD ! preparest its corn ;

10 Thou waterest its furrows, and breakest its clods ; thou moistenest it with showers, and blessest its increase.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy bounty ; and thy clouds drop fatness :

12 They drop *it* upon the pastures of the desert ; and the hills are begirt with joy.

13 The mountains are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered with corn ; they shout and sing for joy,

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PSALM LXVI.

SING unto GOD with joyful melody, all ye earth ; sing psalms unto the honour of his name : make his glory the subject of your praise.

2 Say unto GOD ; “ How awful are thy works ! through the greatness of thy power, thine enemies shall submit themselves unto thee.

3 “ All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee ; and shall praise thy name.”

4 Come, and see the works of GOD, who is awful in his conduct toward the sons of man.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that our forefathers went through the waters on foot ; for this let us rejoice in him.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever, *and* his eyes watch over the nations ; *therefore*, let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

7 Praise our GOD, ye people ! proclaim his praise aloud.

8 It is he who preserveth our lives, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 Thou

9 Thou hast, indeed, tried us, O GOD !
thou hast smelted us, as silver is smelted :

10 Thou broughtest us into a snare,
and laidest an heavy load upon our loins.

11 Thou madest men to ride over our
heads, and we have gone through fire and
water ; but, *at length*, thou hast brought us
forth into a land plenteously refreshed with
streams.

12 I will enter thine house with sa-
crifices ; and perform the vows, which,
with open lips, my mouth uttered when I
was in distress.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacri-
fices with incense ; I will sacrifice rams
and oxen, and goats.

14 Come, and hearken, all ye who
revere GOD, while I relate what he hath
done for me.

15 I called unto him with my mouth,
and exalted him with my tongue :

16 *And* if I had regarded iniquity in
mine heart, JEHOVAH would not have
heard me.

17 But GOD did hear me, and listened
to my supplication.

18 Praised, *therefore*, be GOD, who re-
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jected not my prayer ; neither withdrew his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.

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PSALM LXVIII.

WHEN GOD ariseth, his enemies are scattered ; and they, who hate him, flee before his face.

2 Like a drift of smoke, they are driven away : like as wax melteth before the fire, so perish the wicked before the face of GOD :

3 While the righteous rejoice in his presence, and are transported with excess of joy.

4 Sing unto GOD ; sing praise unto his name : extol him, who rideth in the skies, by his name, JEHOVAH ; and be joyful in his presence.

5 GOD, in his holy habitations, is the father of the fatherless, and the protector of widows.

6 GOD restoreth the solitary to their homes ; yea, he releaseth the captives from *their* bonds : but the rebellious *he leaveth* to inhabit a barren land.

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7 O GOD !

7 O GOD! when thou *formerly* wentest forth before thy people; when thou marchedst through the wilderness:

8 The earth trembled, the heavens were dissolved; the clouds were dissolved into water:

9 The mountains melted at thy presence, O GOD! *even* Sinai itself *melted* at the presence of the GOD of Israel.

10 Thou, O GOD! didst send a copious rain to refresh thine exhausted inheritance:

11 Thy reviving presence dwelt among them; for thy goodness provided for the distressed.

12 JEHOVAH hath *now* given *the* subject of these glad tidings, concerning a numerous host.

13 The kings of those hosts have fled, they have fled; and the people at home shall share in the spoils.

14 What, though ye were placed between hostile ranks, between *banners bearing* the wings of a dove bedeck'd with silver, and whose pinions were streak'd with gold?

15 When the almighty dispersed the kings, *then* confusion, like snow, covered the image.

16 Ye

16 Ye lofty hills, ye hills of Bashan !
ye swelling hills, ye hills of Bashan !

17 Why, ye swelling hills ! are ye jealous
of the hill whereon GOD delighteth to reside;
whereon JEHOVAH will reside for ever ?

18 GOD's chariots of war are nume-
rous ; thousands of seraphs are with them :
JEHOVAH was amidst them in the holy place
of Sinai :

19 *With these*, thou mountest aloft ;
thou leadest thy prisoners captive ; thou
receivest presents of men, *even* rebels, as
forfeited unto thee.

20 Praised be JEHOVAH, the GOD who
daily preserveth us :

21 The GOD who has saved us ; for it is
to JEHOVAH, our GOD, that we owe our
escapes from death.

22 But GOD hath wounded the heads of
his enemies ; the hairy crowns of those
who persist in wickedness.

23 "I will bring *them* back," said JEHO-
VAH, "from Bashan, as *once* from the
depths of the sea :

24 "That thou mayest bathe thy feet
in the blood of thine enemies, and *even*
thy dogs may lick up the same."

25 Behold the processions of GOD ! the processions of my king and my GOD into his sanctuary.

26 The singers precede, the minstrels follow ; in the midst are damsels playing on timbrels.

27 They praise GOD in company together ; the offspring of Israel *praise* JEHOVAH.

28 Here are Benjamin, though youngest, their leader ; the princes *also* of Judah, their strength ; *and* the princes of Zebulon, and of Nephthali.

29 Exert, O GOD ! thy might ; confirm, O GOD ! what thou hast done for us from thine own *heavenly* palace : then shall kings bring presents unto thee to Jerusalem.

30 Check the wild beasts *which live* among the reeds, and the assembly of the potent lords of nations, who tread on tiles of silver :

31 Disperse the people who delight in war. Let ambassadors come from Egypt : let Chush hasten to give her hand to GOD.

32 Sing unto GOD, ye kingdoms of the earth ! sing praises unto JEHOVAH :

33 *Praise*

33 *Praise* him who rideth on the highest heavens from all ages : lo ! how loudly he thundereth with his voice !

34 Ascribe ye power unto GOD, whose excellency is over Israel, and whose strength is above the clouds.

35 Tremendous is GOD from his sanctuary : the GOD of Israel giveth strength and power to his people : Praised be GOD !

PSALM LXIX.

SAVE me, O GOD ! for the waters flow, even to *the endangering* my life.

2 I sink into deep mire, where I cannot stand : I am come into deep waters, where the flood overwhelmeth me.

3 I am wearied with crying, my throat is parched ; mine eyes are wasted with looking for my GOD.

4 They who hate me without cause, are more numerous than the hairs of mine head ; and mine enemies, who wish to destroy me, are powerful. I repay them what I never took away.

5 O GOD ! thou knowest my folly ; and my sins are not hidden from thee.

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6 But let not those who trust in thee, O JEHOVAH! GOD of hosts! be abashed because of me: neither let those who seek thee, O GOD of Israel! be put to shame for my sake:

7 For on thine account I suffer reproach; and *on thine account* I am loaded with ignominy:

8 I am become a stranger to mine own brethren, and an alien to mine own mother's sons.

9 Because my zeal for thine house consumeth me; and the reproaches of those who reproach thee, fall upon me.

10 When I weep and fast, it is made a subject of reproach;

11 When I clothe myself with sackcloth, I become a by-word with them.

12 They who sit in the gate calumniate me; and the drunkards make songs upon me.

13 But as for me, I address my prayer unto thee, O JEHOVAH! in thine own seasonable time: according to thine infinite goodness, O GOD! hear, and assure me of my preservation.

14 Deliver me from the mire, that I may not

not sink : let me be rescued from those who hate me, and recovered from the watery deep.

15 Let not the flood of waters overwhelm me ; nor the whirl-pool swallow me up ; neither the grave close upon me.

16 Hear me, o god ! according to thy great goodness ; regard me according to thine infinite kindness.

17 Hide not thy face from thy servant ; *but* hasten to help me in my distress.

18 Draw nigh unto me, and deliver me ; rescue me from mine enemies.

19 Thou knowest what reproach, what shame and dishonour I have borne ; and mine adversaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken mine heart, and I am full of anguish : I looked for some one to condole with me, but there was not one ; and for some one to comfort me, but could not find him.

21 With my food they gave me bitter hyssop to eat ; and, in my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 May their own table, in return, become a trap and a snare for their punishment !

23 May their eyes be so dim, that they may not see : and their loins so weak, that they may alway bend downward !

24 Pour thine indignation upon them ; and let the fierceness of thy wrath overtake them.

25 May their castles be desolate ; and may there be no inhabitant in their tents !

26 For they persecute him, whom thou hast smitten ; and they aggravate the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add iniquity to their iniquity ; and let them not enter into thy mercy.

28 Let them be effaced from the book of the living ; and suffer not their names to be enrolled among the righteous.

29 But as for me, humbled and afflicted as I am, let thy saving power, o GOD ! raise me up.

30 *Then* I will praise the name of GOD with a song ; and I will magnify him with thanksgiving :

31 Which will be more acceptable to

JEHOVAH

JEHOVAH than a steer with horns and hoofs.

32 The afflicted shall see this ; and those who fear GOD shall rejoice, and their hearts shall be revived :

33 For JEHOVAH listeneth to the destitute, and despiseth not those who are in bonds for his sake.

34 The heavens and the earth shall praise him ; the seas and all that move in them :

35 When GOD shall have restored Zion, and rebuilded the cities of Judah :

36 That the posterity of his servants may inherit it, and that they may dwell there, and possess it ; and that those who love his name may inhabit it.

PSALM LXX.

O JEHOVAH ! be pleased to rescue me ; hasten, o GOD ! to mine aid.

2 Let all those be confounded and covered with shame, who seek to take away my life : let those be driven backward and brought to confusion, who wish me evil.

3 Let those who say of me, " Ahah !
Ahah ! "

Ahah!" be overwhelmed with sudden shame.

4 But let all those who seek thee, be joyful and rejoice in thee; and let those who delight in thy salvation, say; "May JEHOVAH be magnified for ever!"

5 As for me, who am afflicted and destitute, may JEHOVAH consider my case!

6 Thou *only* art my helper and deliverer; delay not *thine aid*, O JEHOVAH!

PSALM LXXI.

IN thee, O JEHOVAH! I place my trust; let me never be put to shame:

2 Rescue me, for the sake of thy righteousness, and deliver me; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou unto me a tower of strength and a fortress of defence to save me; for thou art my rock and my strong-hold.

4 Deliver me, O my GOD! from the hand of the wicked; from the hand of the iniquitous and violent man:

5 For thou, O JEHOVAH! art mine hope; and hast been my confidence from my youth:

6 By thee I have been supported ever since

since I was born ; thou tookest me from my mother's womb ; my praise is always concerning thee.

7 I am become a gazing-stock unto the multitude ; but thou art my sure refuge.

8 My mouth is full of thy praise *and* thy glory, all the day long.

9 Cast me not off in the time of mine old age ; forsake me not when my strength faileth :

10 For mine enemies speak against me, and those who lie in wait for my life consult together, and say, " GOD hath forsaken him ; pursue and take him, for there is none to deliver *him*."

11 Be not far from me, O GOD ! Hasten, O my GOD ! to mine aid !

12 Let the adversaries of my life be abashed and put to shame ; let those who seek to do me evil be covered with reproach and disgrace :

13 That I may continue patient, and praise thee more and more ;

14 That my mouth may relate thy bounty, *and* thy saving power, all the day long ; for I know not the number of *thy mercies*.

15 JEHOVAH ! my GOD ! I will relate thy

thy mighty acts; I will celebrate thy righteousness.

16 Thou alone hast taught me from my youth; therefore to this time I may declare thy wonderful works.

17 Forsake me not, o GOD! even unto old age and grey-hairs; until I have declared thy strength unto posterity, and thy power unto future generations.

18 Thy righteousness, o GOD! is very high; *and* great are the things which thou hast done.

19 O GOD! who is like unto thee? Though thou hast made me to see many distresses and calamities, restore and revive me, and bring me back from under the earth, and exalt me:

20 Advance me again to honour, and comfort me on every side.

21 Then I will praise thee with instruments of music; I will celebrate thy truth, o GOD!

22 Unto thee *will I sing* with the harp, o holy one of Israel! my lips will rejoice when I sing unto thee; my soul also, which thou hast delivered:

23 Yea, my tongue shall utter thy praise
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all the day long, when those who seek to do me evil are abashed, and brought to shame.

PSALM LXXII.

GIVE thy judgment, O GOD ! to the king ;
and thy righteousness to the king's son :

2 *Then* shall he judge thy people with righteousness, and thine oppressed with equity ; that the mountains and hills may bring forth peace for the people.

3 *Then* shall he with justice vindicate the oppressed among the people, and shall save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

4 Generation after generation shall reverence him, so long as the sun and the moon endure.

5 Like as the dew is unto the shorn herbage, and as the small rain that enricheth the soil ;

6 So shall righteousness flourish in his days ; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

7 He shall bear rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the utmost limits of the land :

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8 The inhabitants of the wilderness shall bow down before him, and his enemies shall bite the dust :

9 The kings of Tarshish, and of the isles shall bring an offering ; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall present a gift :

10 All kings shall prostrate themselves before him ; all nations shall serve him :

11 For he shall defend the distressed when he crieth, and the afflicted when there is no one to help him.

12 He shall protect the poor and the distressed, and save the lives of the afflicted :

13 He shall rescue their life from deceit and violence, and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

14 He shall live, and gold from Arabia shall be given unto him : prayer shall be offered continually for him, and he shall be blessed daily.

15 Plenty of corn shall be on the earth ; its fruit shall wave, like *the cedars of Lebanon*, on the top of the mountains ; and *the inhabitants of the city* shall flourish, like the grass of the earth.

16 His name shall continue for ever ;
his

his name shall endure as long as the sun :
all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed
through him, and all nations shall pro-
nounce him happy.

17 Praised be JEHOVAH, GOD of
Israel ! who alone doth wonderful things :

18 And praised be his glorious name for
ever ; and all the earth shall be filled with
his glory. Amen and Amen.

PSALM LXXIII.

TRULY GOD is good unto Israel ; unto
such as are pure in heart.

2 Nevertheless, my feet had well nigh
slipped ; my steps had almost failed ;

3 For I was jealous of the profane, and
admired the prosperity of the wicked :

4 For they had no diseases unto *the time*
of their death ; their strength was firm and
perfect.

5 They were not subject to trouble like
other men ; neither were they afflicted like
other people :

6 Therefore, pride hanged about them
like a chain, and violence clothed them like
a garment.

7 Their

7 Their wickedness proceeded from *their* fullness ; in this they surpassed the imaginations of their own heart.

8 They proudly scoffed, and talked of mischief ; they spake of oppression with haughtiness.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens ; and their tongue ranged through the earth.

10 Therefore, his people turned unto them, and from thence they reaped no small advantage :

11 And they said ; " How should GOD perceive it ? Is there knowledge in the most high ? "

12 Lo ! such are the wicked, who prosper in the world, and heap up riches.

13 *Then I said* ; " Surely it is in vain I purify mine heart, and wash mine hands in innocency ; seeing I am afflicted all day long, and chastened every morning. "

14 If I should say ; " I will reason with these men ; " lo ! then I should deal deceitfully with the generation of thy children.

15 I therefore studied to understand this, but it was too difficult for me.

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16 At length, I went into the sanctuary of GOD; *and then* I learned their latter end;

17 That thou dost set them in slippery places; and castest them down into destruction.

18 Oh, how soon do they become an horror and a desolation! *How soon* are they utterly consumed with terrors!

19 Like the images of a dream, when one awaketh, so thou, O JEHOVAH! makest the image of them to vanish.

20 Thus mine heart was grieved, and I was troubled in my reins;

21 I was stupid, and I was ignorant; I was as a brute before thee.

22 Nevertheless, I was all the while under thy care; thou didst hold my right-hand;

23 Thou didst lead me with thy counsel; and afterward didst receive me with honour.

24 Whom can I compare to thee in heaven? and on earth I delight in none more than in thee.

25 Though my flesh and mine heart
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fail, GOD is the strength of mine heart, and my portion for ever.

26 But, lo ! they who depart from thee shall perish ; thou shalt destroy all those who are unfaithful to thee :

27 But, for my part, it seemeth good to me to draw near unto GOD, to place my trust in JEHOVAH, and recount all thy works.

PSALM LXXIV.

WHEREFORE, O GOD ! hast thou rejected us ? Why doth thy wrath burn against the sheep of thy pasture for ever ?

2 Remember thy congregation which thou hast purchased and saved of old ; the tribe of thine inheritance, and mount Zion whereon thou hast dwelt.

3 Hasten thy steps to see the total desolation *and* havock which the enemy hath made in thy sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy temple ; they erect *there* their standards, *and* do not acknowledge thee ;

5 Like men with up-lifted axes amidst a thick wood, so now they dash in pieces all
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the carved works of it with axes and hammers :

6 They set fire to thy sanctuary, and profane the dwelling-place of thy name *by rasing it to the ground.*

7 They say in their hearts ; " Let us destroy them entirely : " *and* they burn all the places of worship of JEHOVAH to the ground.

8 We see not any signs of our *deliverance* ; neither is there a prophet, or one among us, who knoweth how long *this desolation will last.*

9 How long, o GOD ! shall the enemy continue to set thee at defiance ? shall the enemy defy thy name for ever ?

10 Why drawest thou not forth thine hand, even thy right-hand, from thy bosom, to consume *them* ?

11 Nevertheless, o GOD ! my king ! in former days thou wroughtest deliverances in the midst of the earth.

12 Thou, by thy power, didst divide the sea, and didst break the heads of the dragons in the waters :

13 Thou didst dash the head of the
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whale in pieces ; and gavest him to be food for the people in the wilderness :

14 Thou didst cause a spring, yea a torrent, to burst forth *from the rock* ; thou didst dry up great rivers.

15 Through thee is the day, through thee is the night ; thou didst prepare the light, and the place of the sun.

16 Thou didst fix the boundaries of the earth ; thou didst make the summer and winter.

17 Remember, O JEHOVAH ! the enemy who defy thee, and a foolish people who despise thy name.

18 Deliver not unto death the life of *him* who worshippeth thee ; and forget not the congregation of thine afflicted for ever.

19 Have regard unto thy covenant, for the habitations of the land are full of darkness and violence.

20 Let not the poor be abashed ; let the afflicted and distressed praise thy name.

21 Arise, O GOD ! *and* plead thine own cause ; remember how the fool revileth thee all the day long.

22 Forget not the clamour of thine enemies ;

mies; *for* the presumption of those who hate thee increaseth continually.

PSALM LXXV.

WE praise thee, O GOD ! we praise *thee*, because thou art near ; thy wonderful works declare *it*.

2 When I shall receive again the courts of justice, I will judge with equity.

3 The land and all its inhabitants are melted with fear ; *but* I will support the pillars of it.

4 To the insolent boasters, I say, " Do not boast : " and to the wicked, " Set not up your horn :

5 " Set not up your horn on high, and speak not with a stiff neck :

6 " For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south ;

7 " *But* GOD himself is judge : he it is who humbleth one man, and exalteth another.

8 For in the hand of JEHOVAH there is a cup, and the wine is turbid, full of the mixture ; and he poureth from it :

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9 Yea,

9 Yea, the lees of it are squeezed, that all the wicked upon earth may drink of them.

10 But, for my part, I will rejoice in JEHOVAH for ever ; I will sing praise unto the GOD of Jacob :

11 All the horns of the wicked, I will cut off ; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

GOD is well known in Judah ; his name is great in Israel :

2 His tabernacle is at Salem, and his dwelling is at Zion :

3 There brake he the arrows and the bows ; *and* destroyed the shield and sword of war.

4 Thou, o mount Zion ! art more glorious and magnificent than the mountains of rapine.

5 All the stout-hearted were despoiled, they slept their sleep ; neither did any of the men of valour find their hands *to defend themselves.*

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6 At thy rebuke, o GOD of Jacob ! the rider and the horse were fallen into a deep sleep.

7 Thou, indeed, art to be feared ; and who can stand before thee, when thou art angry ?

8 Thou causest *thy* sentence to be heard from heaven ; the earth feared and was still, when thou, o GOD ! didst arise to *execute* judgment, *and* to save all the distressed of the land.

9 When thou dost gird on wrath, the residue of mankind shall praise thee.

10 Vow, and pay *your vows* unto JEHOVAH, your GOD. Let all who are around him bring presents unto him, who ought to be feared.

11 He can control the spirit of princes ; he is to be dreaded by the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

MY cry is unto GOD, and I complain : my cry is unto GOD, that he should hearken unto me.

2 In the day of distress, I seek JEHOVAH ; in the night, mine eye floweth *with*
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tears, and ceaseth not : and my soul refuseth comfort.

3 I call GOD to mind, and I am agitated ; I am dejected, and my spirit is over-whelmed with grief.

4 Mine eye is occupied in watching ; I am so disturbed, that I cannot speak :

5 I reflect on the days of ancient times ; I call to mind the years which are past :

6 I meditate in the night within mine heart ; I am dejected while my spirit inquir-eth :

7 " Will JEHOVAH," say I, " cast me off for ever ? and will he receive me with affection no more ?

8 " Will his goodness entirely cease ? hath his word failed for all generations ?

9 " Hath GOD forgotten to have compassion ? hath he closed his mercy in wrath ?"

10 Then I say, in my dejection ; " This change *proceeds* from the right-hand of the most high :

11 " I will recollect thy works, O JEHOVAH ! and call to mind thy wonders of old time :

12 " I will meditate on all thy works ; and I will relate all thy great exploits.

13 " O GOD !

13 "O GOD! holy is thy way. What *God* is so great as our GOD?

14 "Thou art the GOD who doest wonders: thou madest known thy power among the nations:

15 "Thou didst deliver with thine arm thy people; the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

16 "The waters saw thee, O GOD! the waters saw thee, and were affrighted; the seas also trembled.

17 "The clouds poured down water; the heavens resounded, and thine arrows went forth.

18 "The sound of thy thunder was in the whirlwind; thy lightnings did shine over the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 "Thy way, O JEHOVAH! was through the sea, and thy path through the great waters, although thy footsteps are not known.

20 "Thou didst lead thy people like a flock of sheep, by the hand of Moses and Aaron."

PSALM LXXVIII.

LISTEN, O my people! to mine instruction;

tion ; incline your ears to the words of my mouth :

2 I will open my mouth in a grave discourse, I will utter pointed truths of ancient times ;

3 Which we have heard and known ; and which our fathers delivered unto us.

4 We will not conceal them from their children, but will publish to the next generation the praises of JEHOVAH ; his power, and the wonderful works which he hath done :

5 For he ordained a testimony in Jacob, and established a law in Israel, by which he commanded our fore-fathers to make his works known unto their children :

6 That their posterity might know them, and that children who should be born, might arise, and tell their children :

7 That they should place their hope in GOD ; and should not forget his works, but keep his commandments :

8 And not be like their fore-fathers, a perverse and offending generation ; a generation whose heart was not firm ; and whose spirit was not stedfast toward GOD.

9 The sons of Ephraim, who were
armed

armed with the bow, were put to flight in the day of battle ;

10 *Because* they kept not the covenant of GOD, and refused to walk according to his law :

11 And forgot his works and his wonders, which he had shown them.

12 Before their fathers he had wrought wonders in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan :

13 He had divided the red-sea, to let them pass through, and caused the waters *on each side* to stand like an heap :

14 He had led them by a cloud in the day ; and all the night, by a light of fire :

15 He had cleaved the rocks in the wilderness, and given them drink as from the great deep :

16 He had brought forth streams from the rock, and made the water to descend like rivers.

17 Nay, they still continued to sin against him ; to provoke the most high in the wilderness.

18 In their hearts they put GOD to the proof, by demanding meat for their appetites :

19 They

19 They even spake against GOD, and said ; " Will GOD be able to spread a table in the wilderness ?

20 " When he smote the rock, behold ! the waters burst forth, and the streams flowed : but can he also give bread ? can he provide flesh for his people ? "

21 When, therefore, JEHOVAH heard *this*, he was exceedingly wroth : and the fire burnt fiercely against Jacob, yea, and anger arose against Israel :

22 Because they believed not in GOD ; neither trusted in his saving power.

23 *Nevertheless*, he commanded the clouds above to *part asunder*, and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He showered down manna upon them to eat, and gave them bread from heaven :

25 So men did eat the food of angels, and he sent them provisions, more than sufficient.

26 He caused the east-wind in the heavens to cease to blow ; and, by his power, he brought in the south-west-wind ;

27 And he showered upon them flesh as though

though it had been dust; and winged fowl as the sand of the sea;

28 And they fell in the midst of their camp: *even* round about their habitations.

29 Then they did eat, and were thoroughly satisfied; for he gave them their desire.

30 *But* they ceased not from their gluttonous craving; *nay, even* while their food was in their mouths, the wrath of GOD arose against them, and slew them in the midst of their indulgences, and smote the chosen men of Israel.

31 Notwithstanding all this, they sinned still more, and believed not his wonderful works:

32 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity, and their years in trouble.

33 While he was destroying them, they sought him; and returned, and supplicated GOD:

34 And remembered that GOD was their defence; that the most high GOD was their saviour.

35 But still they only flattered him with their mouths, and dissembled with their tongues;

36 For

36 For their heart was not fixed on him; neither were they steady in his covenant.

37 Nevertheless he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them; but frequently turned away his wrath, and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise:

38 For he remembered that they were flesh; a breath that passeth away and returneth not.

39 Thus did they rebel against him in the wilderness, *and* provoke him in the desert:

40 Again and again, they put GOD to the proof; and set bounds to the holy one of Israel.

41 They called not to mind his power, nor the day when he rescued them from affliction:

42 When he wrought his miracles in Egypt, and his wonders in the plain of Zoan:

43 When he turned their rivers and their streams into blood, so that they could not drink of them:

44 *When* he sent among them the mosquito-

cheto-fly to devour them; and the frog, that it might destroy them :

45 And he gave their fruit to the caterpillar, and their labour to the locust :

46 *When* he cut off their vines with hailstones, and their fig-trees with the frost :

47 And he gave up their cattle to the hail, and their flocks to flashes of lightning :

48 *When* he sent upon them the fierceness of his displeasure, anger, wrath and indignation; the ministers of evil :

49 And he levelled a way for his anger; not sparing their persons from death, but giving up their life to the pestilence :

50 *When* he smote every first-born in Egypt; *even* the prime of their strength in the tents of Ham.

51 But he made his own people go forth like sheep, and led them in the wilderness like a flock :

52 He conducted them in safety, without fear; while the sea over-whelmed their enemies :

53 And brought them to his holy land, even to the mountain which his right-hand had acquired.

54 And

54 And he drove out the nations before them, dividing their land among them for an inheritance, and making the tribes of Israel *his people* to dwell in their tents.

55 Yet they tried and provoked the most high GOD, and kept not his testimonies :

56 They fell back, and proved false like their fathers ; they turned back like a bow when it shooteth.

57 They provoked him to anger with their high-places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

58 GOD heard this, and was wroth ; and was greatly disgusted with Israel ;

59 So that he forsook his dwelling in Shiloh, even the tabernacle in which he dwelt among men :

60 Nay, he delivered his power into captivity, and his glory into the hands of his enemies.

61 He also gave up his people to the sword, and was wroth with his inheritance.

62 Fire devoured their young men, and their maidens were not given in marriage.

63 Their priests fell by the sword ; and there

there were no widows to make lamentation.

64 But JEHOVAH awoke, as one out of sleep; *or*, like a mighty man refreshed with wine:

65 And smote back their enemies; and fixed upon them everlasting disgrace.

66 Then he rejected the tabernacle of Joseph, and approved not the tribe of Ephraim:

67 But chose the tribe of Judah, *even* the mountain of Zion, which he loveth;

68 Where he built his sanctuary on high; and laid the foundation of it, like that of the earth, which he hath established for ever.

69 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheep-folds:

70 He brought him from following the sucklings, to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance:

71 And he fed them with integrity of heart, and conducted them with a prudent hand.

PSALM LXXIX.

O GOD! the nations are come into thine inheritance; they have polluted thine holy temple, and laid Jerusalem in ruins.

2 They have given the dead bodies of thy servants for food unto the fowls of the air, and the flesh of thy devoted servants unto the beasts of the earth:

3 They have spilled their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury *them*.

4 We are become a subject of reproach to our neighbours; and of scorn and derision to those who are around us.

5 How long, O JEHOVAH! wilt thou be angry? will thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

6 Pour out thine indignation upon the nations which do not acknowledge thee; and upon the kingdoms which do not call upon thy name:

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and have laid waste his habitation.

8 Remember not against us our former sins; *but* let thy mercies come quickly, for we are nearly exhausted.

9 Help

9 Help us, O GOD of our salvation! for the sake of the glory of thy name: deliver us, and forgive our transgressions, for thy name's sake!

10 Why should the nations say;
"Where is their GOD?"

11 Make thyself known among the nations, by *taking* vengeance *upon them* for the blood of thy servants which has been shed!

12 Let the deep sighing of the prisoners come before thee! according to the greatness of thy power, preserve the lives of those who are condemned to die!

13 Return the reproaches, O JEHOVAH! with which those who dwell among us have reproached thee, seven-fold into their bosom!

14 Then will we, who are thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture, celebrate thee for ever, and rehearse thy praise from generation to generation.

PSALM LXXX.

HEAR, O shepherd of Israel! thou who ledest *the sons of* Joseph like a flock of sheep; shine forth, thou who dwellest between the cherubim!

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2 Exert

2 Exert thy great power before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, and come to save us.

3 Restore us, O GOD of hosts! *to our land*; and let thy countenance shine *upon us*, that we may be saved!

4 O JEHOVAH! GOD of hosts! how long wilt thou be displeased with the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou makest them to eat the bread of grief, and givest them plenty of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast caused us to be at variance with those among whom we live; and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O GOD of hosts! *to our land*; and let thy countenance shine *upon us*, that we may be saved!

8 Thou didst bring a vine from Egypt; thou didst cast out the nations, and didst plant it:

9 Thou didst clear *a place* for it, and madest it to shoot forth its roots; and it filled the land:

10 The mountains were covered with its shadow, and lofty cedars with its boughs:

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11 It spread its branches unto the sea, and its tender shoots unto the river.

12 Why hast thou *now* broken down its fences, so that all who pass the road do pluck from its *branches* ?

13 The boar from the forest doth root it up ; and the beast of the field doth browse upon it.

14 O GOD of hosts ! return, we pray thee ; look down from the heavens, and have regard to, and visit this vine :

15 And establish the stock, which thine own right-hand did plant.

16 Those who burn it with fire, and destroy it, let them perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thine hand be upon the man of thy right-hand ; upon the son of man whom thou dost strengthen for thyself :

18 Then will we not revolt from thee : do thou give us life, and we will call upon thy name.

19 O JEHOVAH ! GOD of hosts ! restore us *to our land* ; and let thy countenance shine *upon us*, that we may be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

SING joyfully unto GOD, our strength ;
exalt your voices to the GOD of Jacob.

2 Raise your voice in a psalm, and strike
the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the lute.

3 Sound the trumpet on the new moon,
at the stated time on our feast-day :

4 For such is the command given to Is-
rael, and the ordinance of the GOD of
Jacob ;

5 The charge which he gave to Joseph,
when he came forth from the land of Egypt,
where he heard a strange language.

6 "I eased his shoulder," *said Jehovah*,
"of his burden ; his hands were de-
livered from carrying the *bricks*."

7 "Thou calledst upon me in distress,
and I delivered thee ; I answered thee from
the hiding-place of the thunder."

8 "I proved thee at the waters of Me-
ribah ; when I said ; Hear, o my people !
and I will bear witness against thee."

9 "O Israel ! if thou wilt hearken unto
me, let no strange GOD be in thee ; neither
do thou worship any strange GOD :

10 "For, I JEHOVAH, am thy GOD, who
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brought thee forth from the land of Egypt :
open thy mouth, and I will fill it.

11 "But my people would not hearken
unto my voice ; Israel would not obey me.

12 "So I gave them up to the imagina-
tions of their own hearts, and let them
walk in their own counsels."

13 O! that my people would hearken
unto me ; that Israel would have walked
in my ways !

14 I would soon have humbled their
enemies ; and turned mine hand against
their adversaries.

15 The haters of JEHOVAH should have
fallen before them ; and I would have been
with them for ever.

16 I would have fed them with the
finest wheat, and satisfied them with the
choicest honey.

PSALM LXXXII.

GOD standeth in the assemblies of the
judges : in the midst of them he giveth
judgment.

2 "How long," saith he, "will ye pro-
nounce unjust judgment ; and respect the
persons of the wicked ?

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3 "Defend

3 "Defend the oppressed and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

4 "Deliver the poor and the indigent; protect them from the hand of the wicked."

5 They do not know, neither will they understand; but will go on in darkness: all the foundations of the land are in a tottering state.

6 I have, indeed, said; "Ye were gods, and sons of the most high, all of you:"

7 But ye shall do like common men, and fall like one of the poor.

8 Arise, o GOD! *and* judge the land thyself! for thou art the rightful possessor of all nations.

PSALM LXXXIII.

o GOD! hold not thy peace; be not still, neither be thou silent, o GOD!

2 For lo! thine enemies are tumultuous, and those who hate thee lift up their heads.

3 They have craftily designed *mischief* against thy people; and consulted together against those whom thou favourest.

4 "Come," say they, "let us extirpate them, that they be no longer a nation; that the
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the name of Israel may be remembered no more :”

5 For the tents of the Edomites and the Ishmaelites ; the tents of the Moabites and the Hagarenes ;

6 The Gebalites and Ammonites and Amalekites, and the Philistines, with the inhabitants of Tyre ;

7 Have united together with one accord, and are confederated against thee.

8 The Assyrians also are joined unto them ; they are auxiliaries to the children of Lot.

9 Do thou unto them as *thou didst* unto the Midianites, as unto Sisera, and unto Jabin who perished at the river Kishon, and became dung on the earth at Endor.

10 Make them and their nobles like Oreb and Zeb ; make all their princes like Zebah and Salmana :

11 Because they have said, “ Let us possess ourselves of the habitation of GOD.”

12 O my GOD ! make them like chaff, like stubble before the wind.

13 As fire consumeth the forest, and as flame setteth the mountains into a blaze ;

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so pursue them with thy tempest, and drive them away with thy whirlwind.

14 Overspread their countenances with shame, until they seek thy name, O JEHOVAH!

15 Make them to be abashed and dismayed for ever; turn them back and destroy them.

16 That it may be known, that thou, whose name is JEHOVAH, *and* thou alone, art the most high over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.

How lovely are thy dwellings, O JEHOVAH! GOD of hosts!

2 My soul desireth and longeth for the courts of JEHOVAH! mine heart and my flesh cry unto the living GOD.

3 Yea, the sparrow findeth herself an house, and the ring-dove a nest, where she may lodge her young:

4 *But when shall I approach thine house and thine altars, O JEHOVAH! GOD of hosts! my king and my GOD!*

5 Happy are those who dwell in thine house, and are continually praising thee in their hearts.

6 Happy

6 Happy are the people whose strength is in thee.

7 Who, passing the ways through the valley of Bacah, drink of the spring ; whose pools are filled with water.

8 They travel from strength to strength, till every one of them appear before GOD in Zion.

9 O JEHOVAH ! GOD of hosts ! hear my prayer ; hearken, O GOD of Jacob !

10 O GOD ! our shield ! behold and regard the face of thine anointed.

11 For one day *spent* in thy courts is better than a thousand *upon earth*.

12 *Therefore*, I would choose rather to be in the porch of the house of GOD, than to dwell within the tents of the wicked :

13 For JEHOVAH, the GOD *of hosts*, is a guard and a shield : JEHOVAH bestoweth favour and honour ; nor doth he withhold any good thing from those who live an holy life.

14 O JEHOVAH ! GOD of hosts ! happy is the man who placeth his trust in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

DOST thou become favourable unto the land, O JEHOVAH? Dost thou bring back the captive sons of Jacob?

2 Dost thou take away the iniquity of thy people? Hast thou forgiven all their sin?

3 Hast thou withdrawn all thy wrath? Dost thou turn from the fierceness of thine anger?

4 Restore us, O GOD! our saviour, and stay thine indignation against us.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? Wilt thou continue thy wrath through all generations?

6 Wilt not thou turn and revive us, that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Show us thy mercy, O JEHOVAH! and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what JEHOVAH, our GOD, will say, when he shall speak peace to *such* of his people, and his servants, as shall cease to return to folly.

9 Truly his saving power is near to those who fear him, when his glory dwelleth in our land:

10 Mercy and truth meet together; justice and peace embrace each other:

11 Truth

11 Truth springeth from the earth ; and justice looketh down from heaven :

12 Yea, JEHOVAH giveth prosperity ; and our land yieldeth its increase :

13 The just prospereth in his presence ; because he placeth his footsteps in the way of *Jehovah*.

PSALM LXXXVI.

INCLINE thine ear, O JEHOVAH ! and answer me ; for I am afflicted and indigent.

2 Preserve my life, for I am merciful : O GOD ! save thy servant, who trusteth in thee.

3 Have compassion on me, O JEHOVAH ! for I call upon thee all the day long.

4 Rejoice the heart of thy servant, for unto thee, O JEHOVAH ! I raise my soul :

5 For thou, O JEHOVAH ! art good and forgiving, and abounding in mercy toward all who call upon thee.

6 Hearken unto my prayer, O JEHOVAH ! and attend to the voice of my supplication.

7 In the day of my distress I call upon thee, for thou answerest me.

8 Among

8 Among the GODS there is none, O JEHOVAH ! like unto thee ; neither *any of their works* like unto thy works.

9 All nations, whom thou hast made, shall come, and shall worship before thee, O JEHOVAH ! and glorify thy name :

10 For thou art great, and doest wonderful things ; thou alone art GOD.

11 Teach me thy way, O JEHOVAH ! *and* I will walk in thy truth ; mine heart shall rejoice in the fear of thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O JEHOVAH ! my GOD ! with my whole heart ; and I will glorify thy name for ever.

13 For thy mercy hath been great toward me ; and thou hast delivered my life from the grave beneath.

14 The proud, O GOD ! rise up against me, and an assembly of violent men seek my life ; they set not thee before them.

15 But thou, O JEHOVAH ! art a compassionate and gracious GOD ; slow to anger, and abounding in mercy and truth :

16 Look towards me, and be gracious unto me ; give strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Show in my favour a token of thy goodness,

goodness, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed ; and be convinced that thou, O JEHOVAH ! dost help and comfort me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

THE foundations of *Jerusalem* are upon the holy mountains : JEHOVAH loveth the gates of Zion better than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Extraordinary things are related of thee, O thou city of GOD !

3 I will celebrate Rahab and Babylon for men of knowledge ; lo ! Philistia *also*, and Tyre with Chaldea :

4 But of Zion it shall be said, " Such an one was born there ; this man and that man were born in her ; and this same did lay her foundations."

5 The most high, JEHOVAH, when he enrolleth the nations, shall record that such an one was born there :

6 Singers, as well as players on instruments, *shall celebrate Zion* ; all their springs of praise shall be *exhausted* on thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

O JEHOVAH ! GOD of my salvation ! I
cry

cry unto thee in the day, and I complain before thee in the night ;

2 Let my prayer come into thy presence ; incline thine ear to my cry :

3 For my soul is full of trouble, and my life advanceth near to the grave.

4 I am accounted as one of those who are gone down to the pit ; I am become like a man that hath no strength ;

5 Like the dead I am esteemed, like the slain that lie in the sepulchre ; whom thou rememberest no more, and who are cut off from thy care.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in the place of darkness, and in the shadow of death.

7 Thine indignation presseth upon me ; and thou sinkest me ; with all thy waves.

8 Thou hast removed mine acquaintance far from me ; thou hast made me an abomination unto them.

9 They confine me, that I cannot come forth : mine eye-sight faileth through affliction.

10 Every day I call upon thee, O JEHOVAH ! I stretch out mine hands unto thee :

11 “ Wilt

11 "Wilt thou perform wonders," say I,
"for the dead? Shall the deceased arise,
and praise thee?"

12 "Shall thy mercy be recounted in
the grave; or thy truth in the midst of de-
struction?"

13 "Shall thy wonderful works be ac-
knowledged in the region of darkness, and
thy justice in the land where all things
are forgotten?"

14 When I cry unto thee, O JEHÖ-
VAH! and early in the morning my prayer
cometh unto thee;

15 Wherefore, O JEHÖVAH! dost thou
reject me, and hide thy countenance from
me?

16 I have been afflicted and tormented
from my youth; I have borne thy terrors,
until I am exceedingly disturbed in mind.

17 Thy wrath hath passed over me;
thy terrors have destroyed me:

18 They have surrounded me like water
every day; they have entirely encompassed
me.

19 My lovers and friends thou hast re-
moved far from me; mine acquaintance
thou keepest from my sight.

PSALM LXXXIX.

O JEHOVAH ! I will sing of thy mercies for ever ; with my mouth I will celebrate thy truth, from generation to generation.

2 Thy mercy was ordained for ever ; thou didst fix the token of thy truth in the heavens : for thou, O JEHOVAH ! didst declare :

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen ; I have sworn unto David my servant :

4 *Saying*, "I will confirm thy posterity for ever, while I establish thy throne from generation to generation."

5 The heavens praise thy wonderful works, O JEHOVAH ! yea, thy faithfulness in the assembly of thy servants.

6 For who in heaven can be compared unto JEHOVAH ? *Who* among the gods is like unto JEHOVAH !

7 A GOD, feared in the assembly of the holy ones ; great and to be revered above all those who are around him ?

8 O JEHOVAH ! GOD of hosts ! who is endued with power as thou art ? *and* thy faithfulness surroundeth thee.

9 Thou

9 Thou rulest the swelling of the sea ;
thou stillest the waves thereof, when they
arise.

10 Like a mighty warrior, thou hast
subdued Egypt ; thou hast dispersed thine
enemies with thy powerful arm.

11 The heavens are thine, and the earth
is thine ; thou laidest the foundation of the
world, and all that it contains.

12 Thou didst create the north and the
south ; Tabor and Herman rejoice in thy
name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm ; strong
is thine hand, and exalted is thy right-
hand.

14 Justice and judgment are the basis
of thy throne ; mercy and truth go before
thy face.

15 Happy are the people who know
thee, O JEHOVAH ! they walk in the light
of thy countenance :

16 Through thy name they rejoice all
the day, and through thy justice they
exalt themselves.

17 For thou art the glory of their
strength ; and thou exaltest their horn with
thy favour.

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18 When our defence was from JEHovah; and our dominion from the holy one of Israel :

19 Then thou didst speak in a vision, to thy servants, and didst declare,—“ I have given help unto a man, I have exalted a youth from among the people :

20 “ I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him ;

21 “ Whom mine hand shall establish ; yea, mine arm shall strengthen him ;

22 “ The enemy shall not oppress him ; neither shall the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 “ But I will destroy his enemies before his face, and I will smite those who hate him :

24 “ And my truth and my mercy shall be with him, and through my name his horn shall be exalted :

25 “ I have appointed his hand *to rule* over the sea, and his right-hand over the rivers.

26 “ He shall call upon me, *saying* ; “ Thou art my father, my GOD, and the rock of my salvation.”

27 “ Moreover, I will make him my
first

first born, supreme over the kings of the earth.

28 "I will preserve my mercy towards him for ever, and my covenant with him shall be unchangeable :

29 "That I may establish his posterity for evermore, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 "*But*, if his sons forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments ;

31 "If they break my statutes, and do not observe my commandments ;

32 "I will visit their transgressions with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 "Nevertheless, I will not entirely withdraw my mercy from him ; neither will I suffer my truth to fail.

34 "I will not break my covenant with him, nor will I reverse what hath issued from my lips :

35 "For this one thing I have sworn by my holiness, 'That I will not deceive David.'

36 "His posterity shall endure for ever ; and his throne shall be like the sun before me ;

37 "Like the moon *also*, it shall be established

established for ever ; and like the heavens it shall be durably fixed."

38 Yet thou hast rejected, thou art disgusted at, thou art angry with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant with thy servant, *and* profaned his crown *by casting it* upon the ground :

40 Thou hast broken down all his defences ; thou hast laid his fortresses in ruins :

41 All who pass along despoil him ; he is become a subject of reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast exalted the right-hand of his enemies ; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice :

43 Thou hast blunted the edge of his sword ; and hast not supported him in battle.

44 Thou hast put an end to his glory, and cast down his throne to the ground.

45 Thou hast shortened the days of his youth, and clothed him with dishonour.

46 How long, o JEHOVAH ! wilt thou hide thyself ? shall thy wrath burn like fire for ever ?

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47 Remember how transitory I am ; and how vain thou hast created all the sons of men !

48 What man shall live, and not see death ; and shall rescue his life from the power of the grave ?

49 Where are thy former mercies, o JEHOVAH ! which thou didst promise unto David with an oath ?

50 Remember, o JEHOVAH ! the reproach cast upon thy servant, and that I bear in my bosom all the invectives of many peoples ;

51 With which thine enemies, o JEHOVAH ! reproach the foot-steps of thine anointed. Praised be JEHOVAH for ever ! Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XC.

JEHOVAH ! thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art GOD.

3 Thou turnest mortal man to destruction
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when thou sayest, "Return to *dust*, ye sons of men :"

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, when they are past ; or as a watch of the night.

5 Thou refreshest them with sleep ; and, in the morning, they are like the springing grass :

6 Which is green and flourishing ; but, before the evening, is cut down, and withered.

7 So are we consumed by thy displeasure ; and carried off by thine indignation.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 All our days are passed away through thine anger ; we bring our years to an end, like, *as it were*, a tale *that is told*.

10 The days of our age are three-score and ten years ; and if by *reason of our strength we come to four-score years*, yet their increase is but labour and sorrow : for we are soon cut off, and sink *into the grave*.

11 Yet, who regardeth the vehemence
of

of thine anger ; or the terribleness of thy displeasure ?

12 Teach us to number our days aright : and we shall bring our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return unto us, O JEHOVAH ! at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants ;

14 O satisfy us speedily with thy mercy ; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Comfort us according to the days thou hast afflicted us, *and* according to the years we have suffered adversity.

16 Show thy work unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children :

17 And let the glorious countenance of JEHOVAH our GOD be upon us ; O prosper thou the work of our hands !

PSALM XCI.

O THOU who dwellest under the protection of the most high ! *thou* mayest securely repose thyself under the shadow of the almighty.

2 Thou mayest say unto JEHOVAH ;
“ Thou art my refuge, and my fortress ;
my GOD ! in whom I place my trust.”

3 He

3 He will assuredly deliver thee from the net of the ensnaring speaker of evil.

4 He will overspread thee with his wings, and under his feathers thou shalt be protected: his truth shall be a shield and buckler unto thee.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid of alarm by night; *neither* of the arrow that flieth by day:

6 Of the pestilence that walketh in midnight-darkness; *neither* of the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

7 These shall destroy a thousand on thy left side, and ten thousand on thy right-hand; but they shall not touch thee:

8 Nevertheless, with thine eyes thou shalt behold, and see the recompence of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast said, "JEHOVAH is my refuge;" *and* hast made the most high thy protection:

10 No evil shall befall thee; neither any calamity approach thy dwelling.

11 For he shall charge his angels concerning thee, to guard thee in *all* thy ways:

12 In their hands they shall support thee,
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lest thou shouldest strike thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the viper and the aspic *with safety*; thou shalt trample upon the serpent and the adder *without hurt*.

14 "Because he hath set his affections on me," *saitħ Jehovah*, "I will deliver him; I will exalt him, because he acknowledgeth my name :

15 "When he calleth upon me, I will answer him; when he is in distress, I will be present with him; I will deliver him, and raise him to honour :

16 "With length of days I will satisfy him, and show him my saving power."

PSALM XCII.

IT is good to give thanks unto JEHOVAH, and to praise thy name, o most high !

2 To declare thy mercy early in the morning, and thy truth every night ;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and the lute; upon a melodious instrument, and upon the harp.

4 Because thou, o JEHOVAH! hast made

made me to rejoice through thy works and through the operation of thine hands :

5 I sing loudly, *saying* ; " How great, o JEHOVAH ! are thy works ! thy thoughts are exceedingly deep."

6 The foolish man doth not know, and the perverse man will not understand this ;

7 While the wicked flourish like grass, and the workers of iniquity prosper, *neither* until they be destroyed for ever.

8 But thou, o JEHOVAH ! shalt be exalted for ever ; for, lo ! thine enemies shall perish, and all the workers of iniquity shall be dispersed.

9 But thou shalt exalt mine horn, like that of the rhinoceros ; and mine old age shall be vigorous with fatness :

10 Mine eye shall see *what befalls* those who lie in wait for me ; mine ear shall hear *what becomes* of those who rise up against me.

11 The righteous man shall flourish like a palm-tree ; he shall grow like the cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of JEHOVAH, shall flourish in the courts of our GOD :

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13 In old age, they shall continue to bear fruit; they shall be full of sap and vigorous;

14 To show that JEHOVAH, my defender, is just; and that there is no iniquity in him.

PSALM XCIII.

O JEHOVAH! thou reignest; thou art clothed with majesty: O JEHOVAH! thou art clothed with strength; thou art girded with might.

2 The world also thou hast established; that it can never be removed.

3 Thy throne was established before all time; thou, O JEHOVAH! *didst exist* from all eternity.

4 O JEHOVAH! the floods lift up, the floods lift up their voice; the floods lift up their waves:

5 But JEHOVAH, who dwelleth on high, is more majestic than the sound of great waters, than the majestic waves of the sea.

6 Thy testimonies, O JEHOVAH! are very faithful; holiness becometh thine house for ever.

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PSALM XCIV.

O JEHOVAH ! thou, GOD, to whom vengeance belongeth ; thou, GOD, to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.

2 Arise, thou judge of the earth ; *and* recompense the proud according to their deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O JEHOVAH ! how long shall the wicked exult ?

4 *How long* shall all the workers of iniquity boast, *and* continue to utter perverse speeches ?

5 *How long* shall they smite thy people, O JEHOVAH ! and afflict thine inheritance ?

6 *How long* shall they slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless ;

7 And say ; JEHOVAH doth not see it, neither doth the GOD of Jacob regard it ?

8 Attend to instruction, ye simple ones among the people ! O ye perverse ! when will ye learn wisdom ?

9 Shall not he, who planted the ear, hear ? shall not he, who formed the eye, see ?

10 Shall

10 Shall not he, who holdeth nations in subjection, reprove *them*? shall not he, who teacheth men knowledge, punish *their disobedience*?

11 JEHOVAH knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vain.

12 Happy is the man, whom thou, O JEHOVAH! dost correct, and dost instruct in thy law;

13 To give him patience in the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For JEHOVAH will not forsake his people; he will not desert his inheritance;

15 But righteous judgment shall be restored, and all the upright of heart shall be his followers.

16 Who riseth for me against the evil-doers? Who will take my part against the workers of iniquity?

17 If thou, O JEHOVAH! dost not help me, my life will soon inhabit *the place of silence*.

18 When I say: "My foot slippeth;" thy mercy, O JEHOVAH! supporteth me.

19 While a multitude of anxious thoughts disquiet me, thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall

20 Shall JEHOVAH bless the throne of wickedness, that compelleth labour beyond the time prescribed ?

21 They gather themselves together against the life of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But JEHOVAH is my fortress ; and my GOD is the rock of my defence.

23 He shall turn their own iniquity against them ; he shall destroy them in their own wickedness : *yea*, JEHOVAH, our GOD, shall destroy them.

PSALM XCV.

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PSALM XCVI.

SING ye unto JEHOVAH, σ all the earth !
Sing unto JEHOVAH a new song.

2 Sing unto JEHOVAH, praise his name
publish from day to day his saving power.

3 Declare his glory among the nations :
his wonderful works among all people.

4 For JEHOVAH is great, and greatly to
be praised ; he is to be feared more than all
other gods :

5 For

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols ; but JEHOVAH made the heavens.

6 Dignity and majesty are before him, power and glory are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe unto JEHOVAH, o ye tribes ! o ye nations ! ascribe unto JEHOVAH, glory and power :

8 Ascribe unto JEHOVAH, the glory *due unto* his name : bring an oblation, and come into his courts.

9 Worship JEHOVAH with holy reverence ; stand in awe of him, all ye *inhabitants* of the earth.

10 Proclaim among the nations, that " JEHOVAH reigneth ; " " the world is established that it can never be removed : " *and that* " he shall judge the nations with equity. "

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad ; let the sea, and the fulness thereof, roar :

12 Let the field, and all that is in it, be joyful ; let all the trees of the forest shout for joy at the presence of JEHOVAH ;

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth : and he will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples according to his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

JEHOVAH reigneth, let the earth rejoice:
let the many island-nations be glad.

2 Clouds and thick darkness are around him; righteousness and judgment are the foundations of his throne.

3 Fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies on every side:

4 His lightnings shine over the *whole* world; the earth beholdeth and trembleth.

5 Like wax the mountains melt at the presence of JEHOVAH, at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and peoples behold his glory.

7 They shall be ashamed who worship graven images, and sing praise unto idols: all gods shall fall prostrate before him.

8 Zion shall hear and rejoice, and the daughters of Judah shall be transported with joy, because of thy judgments, O JEHOVAH!

9 For thou, O JEHOVAH! art supreme over all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods.

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10 JEHOVAH loveth those who hate wickedness ; he preserveth the lives of his servants, and protecteth them from the power of the wicked.

11 Light springeth up for the righteous, and joy for the upright of heart.

12 Rejoice in JEHOVAH, o ye righteous! and praise his holy name.

PSALM XCVIII.

SING unto JEHOVAH a new song, for he hath done wonderful things ; his right-hand and his holy arm have gained him the victory.

2 JEHOVAH hath made known his power to save : he hath revealed his righteousness to the afflicted of the nations.

3 He hath remembered his mercy toward Jacob, and his faithfulness to the house of Israel : *and* the remotest parts of the earth behold the salvation of our GOD.

4 Sing aloud unto JEHOVAH, o all the earth ! burst forth into melody, rejoice and give praise.

5 Give praise unto JEHOVAH with the harp ; with the harp and a psalm of thanksgiving.

6 Rejoice before JEHOVAH, the king, with trumpets, and the sound of the cornet.

7 Let the sea, and the fulness thereof, roar; the world, and those who inhabit it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands; together let the mountains shout for joy before JEHOVAH;

9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and he will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

JEHOVAH reigneth, let the peoples stand in awe; he sitteth between the cherubim, let the earth tremble.

2 JEHOVAH is great in Zion, and he is exalted above all peoples.

3 Let these, *therefore*, praise his great and awful name; for he is holy and powerful.

4 The king loveth judgment; thou *art he who* hast established equitable laws in Israel; and hast executed justice in Jacob.

5 Extol, therefore, JEHOVAH our GOD, and fall prostrate before his foot-stool; for he is holy and righteous.

6 Moses

6 Moses and Aaron were among his ministers, and Samuel among those who invoked his name : these called upon JEHOVAH, and he answered them.

7 When JEHOVAH spake unto them from a pillar of cloud ; they observed his commandments and the ordinance which he gave them.

8 O JEHOVAH ! our GOD, thou didst hear them ; thou wert the GOD who supported them, and took vengeance on the designs against them.

9 Extol, therefore, JEHOVAH, our GOD, and fall prostrate on his holy mountain ; for JEHOVAH, our GOD, is holy.

PSALM C.

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PSALM CI.

MY song shall be of mercy and judgment ; unto thee, O JEHOVAH ! will I sing :

2 I will instruct in the way of virtue those whom thou shalt place under me ; I will walk within mine house with an upright heart.

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3 I will

3 I will not place before mine eyes the man who turneth aside *from thy law* : I hate him who committeth impiety ; he shall not cleave unto me.

4 The perverse heart shall remove from before me ; I will not know a wicked person.

5 He who secretly slandereth his neighbour, him will I destroy : he who hath a lofty eye and a proud heart, him I will not suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall look upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me ; *and* he who walketh in the path of integrity, shall minister unto me.

7 He who practiseth deceit, shall not dwell within mine house ; he who speaketh falsehood shall not continue in my presence.

8 Every morning will I be destroying all the wicked of the land ; that I may cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of JEHOVAH.

PSALM CII.

HEAR my supplication, O JEHOVAH !
and let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress ; incline thine ear, *and* hasten to answer me, when I call unto thee.

3 For my days vanish like smoke, and my bones are burnt up like a fire-brand :

4 Mine heart is blighted, and withereth like grass, because I forget to eat my bread ; and my bones cleave to my skin, because of my sighing :

5 I resemble a pelican in the wilderness ; I am become like a bird of prey *that liveth* in desert places :

6 I watch *all night* : I am like the lonely bird on the house-top : and, throughout the day, mine enemies revile me, and furiously conspire against me.

7 Surely I eat ashes as bread, and mix tears with my drink, because of thy wrath and indignation ; for thou hast made me desolate, and cast me down.

8 My days decline like the evening-shadow, and I wither like grass.

9 But thou, O JEHOVAH ! shalt endure for ever : and the remembrance of thee *shall remain* through all generations.

10 Thou shalt arise, *and* shalt have mercy on Zion, when it is time to have compassion

compassion on her ; when the season cometh :

11. Because thy servants have an affection for the *very stones thereof* ; and they are grieved to see her in ruins.

12 Then shall the nations fear thy name, O JEHOVAH ! and the kings of the earth, thy glory :

13 When JEHOVAH buildeth Zion, and he appeareth again in his glory :

14 When he regardeth the prayer of the destitute ; and rejecteth not their supplication.

15 This shall be recorded for posterity ; and future generations shall praise JEHOVAH.

16 Because JEHOVAH did look down from the height of his holy place ; from the heavens he looked down upon the earth :

17 To attend the anguish of the fettered captives ; to release those who were condemned to die ;

18 That they might proclaim the name of JEHOVAH in Zion ; and his praise in Jerusalem :

19 When the peoples and the kingdoms were assembled to serve JEHOVAH.

20 Affliction

20 Affliction cutteth short my strength in the journey *of life*, and shorteneth my days :

21 But I say, o my GOD ! destroy me not in the midst of mine age ; *for* thy years *endure* through all generations.

22 Thou art he who from the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of thine hands :

23 They may perish, but thou shalt endure ; they may be worn out like a garment, *but* like a vesture thou canst renew them :

24 Yet, though they should be changed, thou art the same, and thy years shall never come to an end.

25 Let, *therefore*, the sons of thy servants continue in the land ; and let their posterity be established in thy presence.

PSALM CIII.

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PSALM CIV.

PRAISE JEHOVAH ! o my soul ! o JEHOVAH ! my GOD ! thou art transcendently great ;

great ; thou art clothed with dignity and majesty :

2 Thou arrayest thyself with light, as with a garment ; *and* spreadest out the heavens as a tent-covering :

3 Thou layest the beams of thine upper chambers in the heavens ; thou makest the clouds thy chariot, and fliest on the wings of the wind :

4 Thou makest thy messengers winds ; *and* thy ministers a flame of fire.

5 *Praise* him who fixed the earth on its foundation ; it shall never be removed.

6 The abyss, like a garment, covered it *at first* ; for the waters stood above the mountains :

7 *But*, at thy rebuke, *O Jehovah !* they dispersed ; at the sound of thy thunder, they *instantly* hurried away :

8 They ascended the mountains, they descended the valleys, to the place thou hadst appointed for them :

9 They do not pass the limit thou hast prescribed ; neither can they return to deluge the earth.

10 *Praise* him, who sendeth springs
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into the valleys, which flow between the mountains in torrents :

11 That every beast of the field may drink ; and the wild asses may allay their thirst :

12 The fowl of the air *also* may dwell near them ; and sing among the branches.

13 *Praise* him, who watereth the mountains from his chambers, that the earth may be full of the fruits of his works :

14 Making grass to grow for the beasts *of the field*, and herbs for the service of man :

15 By bringing forth food from the earth, and wine which cheereth the heart, and enliveneth the countenance of man ; and bread which sustaineth the heart of man.

16 The trees of JEHOVAH are nourished ; *even* the cedars of Lebanon which he planted :

17 In which the birds build their nests ; the fir-trees are the dwelling of the stork.

18 The steep mountains are a refuge for the wild goats ; *and* cragged rocks for the field-mice.

19 *Praise* him, who made the moon for
a certain

a certain season; *and also* the sun, which knoweth its time of setting.

20 When thou, O JEHOVAH! bringest on darkness, it is night, during which all the beasts of the forest prowl abroad :

21 The lions are roaring for prey, and seeking their food.

22 *When* the sun ariseth, they retire, and lay themselves down in their dens :

23 *Then* man goeth forth to his work and to his labour, until the evening.

24 How manifold, O JEHOVAH! are thy works; with wisdom thou hast made them all; the earth is full of thy riches :

25 So, *likewise*, the great and wide sea, in which are things moving without number; living creatures both small and great.

26 There sail the ships; and *there is* that Leviathan, whom thou didst make to sport himself in it.

27 All these depend on thee, O JEHOVAH! for the giving of their food in its season.

28 *When* thou givest *it* to them, they gather *it*; *when* thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 *When* thou hidest thy countenance, they

they quickly perish ; *when* thou takest away their breath, they expire, and return to their dust.

30. *When* thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created ; and *thus* thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of JEHOVAH shall endure for ever ; JEHOVAH shall rejoice in his works :

32 Who, but looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ; who, but toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto JEHOVAH, as long as I live ; I will praise my GOD, while I have my being.

34 My meditation shall be pleasing unto him ; and I will rejoice in JEHOVAH :

35 *While* the sinners shall be consumed from the earth, and of the wicked, there shall be none remaining. Praise thou JEHOVAH, o my soul ! praise JEHOVAH.

PSALM CV.

O ! GIVE thanks unto JEHOVAH, and call upon his name ; proclaim his works among the peoples :

2 Sing

2 Sing unto him, sing unto him a psalm of praise; meditate on all his wonderful works.

3 Make your boast of his holy name; let the heart of those rejoice, who seek JEHOVAH.

4 Seek ye JEHOVAH, that ye may be strengthened; approach his presence evermore.

5 O, ye posterity of Abraham, his servant! o, ye sons of Jacob, his chosen!

6 Recite the wonders which he hath wrought; his miracles, and the judgments of his mouth.

7 He, JEHOVAH, is our GOD; his judgments are *known* over the earth:

8 He remembereth his covenant for ever; *even* the promise he gave to a thousand generations:

9 The covenant which he made with Abraham; and the oath which he swore unto Isaac:

10 And what he confirmed to Jacob as an immutable decree; and to Israel for an eternal covenant:

11 Saying; "To you I will give the land

land of Canaan, *to be* the portion of your inheritance :”

12 While they were as yet but few in number, and sojourners in it.

13 When they removed from nation to nation ; from one kingdom to another people :

14 He suffered no man to oppress them ; but reprov'd kings for their sakes :

15 “ Touch not, *said he*, mine anointed ; and do my prophets no harm.”

16 When he called for a famine upon the land, and destroyed the provision of bread ;

17 He sent a man before them *into Egypt, even* Joseph, who was sold for a slave :

18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters, and whose body was *cramped* with irons ;

19 Until the time that his predictions came to pass ; *and* the word of JEHOVAH showed him to be guiltless.

20 *Then* the king sent, and released him ; the governor of the people set him free :

21 Making him lord of his household : and ruler of all he possessed :

22 That he might restrain his princes at his

his pleasure, and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Then Israel went down into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 When *Jehovah* had increased his people exceedingly; and made them more numerous than their enemies:

25 When he turned the heart of the Egyptians to hate his people, *and* to devise stratagems against his servants:

26 *Then* he sent Moses, his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 He ordered wonderful and portentous plagues in the land of Ham; he sent darkness, and hindered them from moving, yet they disobeyed his word.

28 He changed their waters into blood; and destroyed their fish:

29 Their lands produced frogs, *even* in the most retired apartments of their kings:

30 He spake, and the moscheto-fly came; and *other* flies throughout their coast.

31 He gave them heavy storms of hail; flames of fire *also* were in their land.

32 He blasted their vines and their fig-trees; and destroyed the trees on their coast.

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33 He spake, and the locust came ; and caterpillars innumerable :

34 Which devoured all the herbage in the land ; and consumed all the fruits of their soil.

35 *At length*, he smote all the first-born in their country ; *even* the prime of all their strength.

36 Then he brought forth his own people with silver and gold ; not a feeble person was among their tribes.

37 The Egyptians rejoiced at their departure, for they were afraid of them.

38 He spread *over them* a cloud to cover them *by day* ; and fire to give them light by night.

39 At their request, he brought quails ; and gave them plenty of bread from heaven.

40 He opened the rock, and the waters rushed out ; the stream flowed in the parched desert.

41 For he remembered his holy promise given unto Abraham, his servant :

42 He, therefore, brought forth his people with joy ; his chosen ones with a song *of triumph*.

43 He gave them the lands of the na
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tions; and they took possession of the labours of the peoples:

44 That they might keep his ordinances, and observe his laws.

PSALM CVI.

1 GIVE thanks unto JEHOVAH, for he is good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Who can distinctly rehearse the mighty acts of JEHOVAH? who can proclaim all his praise?

3 Remember us, O JEHOVAH! with the favour *thou usest to show to thy people; and visit us with thy saving power:*

4 That we may see the prosperity of thy chosen; may share in the joy of thy nation, and sing praise with thine inheritance.

5 Happy are they who observe justice, and do righteousness at all times.

6 But we have sinned as our fathers did; we have acted perversely, and committed wickedness.

7 When our fathers were in Egypt, they regarded not thy wonderful works; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but were disobedient as they went up from the red-sea.

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8 Nevertheless, *Jehovah* delivered them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power :

9 He rebuked the red-sea also, and dried it up ; he caused them to walk through the deep, as through a desert :

10 He delivered them from the power of the adversaries ; and rescued them from the hand of the enemy.

11 But the waters overwhelmed their enemies ; not one of them survived.

12 Then they believed in his word ; and sang his praise.

13 They soon, however, forgot his works ; and did not wait his counsel :

14 But followed their lusts in the wilderness ; and tried *the patience of GOD* in the desert.

15 And he gave them their desire, and sent loathing to their appetite.

16 They were envious of Moses in the camp ; and of Aaron, the servant of *JEHOVAH*.

17 Then the earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan ; and overwhelmed the company of Abiram :

18 A fire was kindled in their assembly ; and a flame burned up the wicked.

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19 They

19 They made a calf in Horeb; and worshipped the molten image :

20 They exchanged their glory for the semblance of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgot GOD their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt ;

22 Wonderful things in the land of Ham ; *and* terrible things at the red-sea.

23 Therefore, he declared he would have utterly destroyed them, had not Moses, his chosen, stood in the breach before him, to turn his indignation from destroying *them*.

24 They despised the land they should have desired ; they believed not in his word :

25 But murmured in their tents ; and hearkened not unto the voice of JEHOVAH :

26 Therefore, he sware unto them, that he would make them fall in the wilderness :

27 And that he would disperse their posterity among the nations, and scatter them through the countries.

28 They connected themselves with Baal-peor ; and did eat of the offerings made to dead men *deified*.

29 They provoked GOD with their impieties ; so that the plague broke out among them :

30 But

30 But Phineas stood forth, and executed justice; and the plague was stayed.

31 And that was accounted to him for righteousness, through all generations for ever.

32 They provoked *God* at the waters at Meribah; where Moses suffered for their sakes:

33 For they vexed his spirit, so that he spake rashly with his lips.

34 They destroyed not the peoples, whom *JEHOVAH* had commanded them to *destroy*:

35 But mingled themselves with the nations, and learned their doings:

36 *Insomuch*, that they worshipped their idols, which became a snare unto them: nay; they sacrificed their sons and their daughters, to dæmons.

37 They shed innocent blood: the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.

38 They defiled themselves with their works; and they committed fornication by their deeds.

39 Therefore the anger of *JEHOVAH*
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burnt furiously against this people ; and he held his inheritance in abomination :

40 He delivered them into the hands of the nations ; so that those who hated them did rule over them :

41 And their enemies oppressed them, while they were humbled under their hand.

42 Many times he delivered them, but they rebelled against him, and were brought low by their wickedness.

43 Nevertheless, when he heard them cry, he regarded them in their distress.

44 He remembered his covenant in their favour ; and changed his purpose according to the greatness of his mercy :

45 Yea, he made them to appear deserving of compassion, in the sight of all those, who led them away captive.

46 Deliver us, O JEHOVAH ! our GOD, and gather us from among the nations ; that we may celebrate thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

47 Praised be JEHOVAH, the GOD of Israel, from the beginning of time to the end thereof : and let all the people say, Amen.

PSALM CVII.

O GIVE thanks unto JEHOVAH, for he is good : and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let those give thanks whom JEHOVAH hath delivered : *especially* those whom he hath delivered from the hand of the enemy :

3 Whom he hath gathered from the countries ; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4 They who wandered in the wilderness and in the desert, and found no city in which they could dwell :

5 Who were hungry and thirsty, and whose soul fainted within them :

6 When these cried unto JEHOVAH in their tribulation ; he delivered them from their distress :

7 He guided them in the direct way ; and conducted them to a city, wherein they should dwell.

8 Let these, *therefore*, praise JEHOVAH for his mercy ; and for the wonderful things which he hath done for the children of men ;

9 For he hath satisfied the thirsty soul ;
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and the hungry soul he hath filled with good.

10 They who sat in darkness and the shadow of death : who were bound in affliction and iron :

11 Because they had rebelled against the commands of GOD : and had disregarded the counsel of the most high :

12 Whose heart he had humbled with sorrow ; *and* who were fallen, and there was no one to help them ;

13 When these cried unto JEHOVAH in their tribulation ; he delivered them from their distress :

14 He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death ; and brake their chains asunder.

15 Let these, *therefore*, praise JEHOVAH for his mercy ; and for the wonderful things which he hath done for the children of men :

16 For he hath broken open the gates of brass ; and hath cut asunder the bolts of iron.

17 The foolish, because of their sinful way, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted :

18 Their

18 Their soul doth nauseate all food ;
and they approach toward the gates of
death :

19 When these cry unto JEHOVAH in
their tribulation ; he delivereth them from
their distress :

20 He sendeth forth his word, and healeth
them ; and rescueth them from destruction.

21 Let these, *therefore*, praise JEHOVAH
for his mercy ; and for the wonderful things
which he hath done for the children of
men.

22 Let these offer sacrifices of praise ;
and recount his works with joy.

23 They who sail on the sea in ships ;
and transact business on the great waters :

24 They see the works of JEHOVAH, and
his wonderful doings, on the ocean :

25 For, at his command, a tempestuous
wind ariseth, and lifteth up the waves
thereof :

26 Which ascend unto the heavens, and
descend again into the abyss ; at the roar-
ing of which, their soul melteth with fear :

27 They reel and stagger like a drunken
man ; and all their skill *in sailing* faileth
them :

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28 When these cry unto JEHOVAH in their tribulation; he delivereth them from their distress :

29 He turneth the tempest into a calm ; and stilleth the waves of the sea.

30 Then they rejoice because they are at ease ; and he leadeth them to the port where they wished to be *landed*.

31 Let these, *therefore*, praise JEHOVAH for his mercy ; and for the wonderful things which he hath done for the children of men.

32 Let these praise JEHOVAH in the assembly of the people ; let these praise him in the council of the elders.

33 He can make a well-watered country a desert : and a land abounding with springs *he can convert into a dry soil* :

34 A fruitful land *he can change into a barren waste* ; because of the wickedness of those who inhabit it.

35 He can turn a desert into a land abounding with springs ; and a dry soil into a well-watered country :

36 And settle there the hungry ; that they may build a city which they may inhabit :

37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, which may produce increase of fruits.

38 He

38 He can bless them, so that they shall multiply exceedingly ; and their cattle shall not be few.

39 *So again* ; when they are reduced and brought low by oppression, calamity, and affliction :

40 He can pour shame upon princes ; and make them to wander in the pathless desert :

41 While he raiseth the distressed from affliction ; and maketh his tribes like a flock of sheep.

42 The righteous will see this, and rejoice ; and the mouth of all iniquity shall be stopped.

43 He who is wise will observe these things ; and will understand the mercies of JEHOVAH.

PSALM CVIII.

MINE heart is ready, O GOD ! mine heart is ready ; I will sing and give praise.

2 Awake, my tongue ; awake, my lyre and harp ! I will wake the early morning :

3 I will praise thee, O JEHOVAH ! among the peoples ; I will celebrate thee among the nations :

4 For

4 For thy bounty reacheth unto the heavens; and thy truth unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, o GOD! above the heavens; be thy glory displayed over all the earth.

6 Hear! and rescue us with thy right-hand, that thy beloved *people* may be delivered.

7 GOD answereth *favourably* from his sanctuary, *therefore*, I will rejoice: I shall yet divide Sichem into lots, and measure out the valley of Succoth:

8 Gilead shall be mine, and Manasseh shall be mine; Ephraim shall be the helmet of mine head; and Judah my lawgiver:

9 Moab shall be my washing pot; at Edom I shall cast my shoe, and over Philistia I shall triumph.

10 Who will lead me to that strong city? Who will conduct me to Edom?

11 Wilt thou, o GOD! still reject us, and not go forth with our armies?

12 Grant *now* thine aid after our distress; for vain is the help of man.

13 Through GOD we shall do great deeds; for he will tread down our enemies.

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PSALM CIX.

O GOD ! whom I praise, be not thou silent ; for the mouth of wicked and the mouth of deceitful *men* are opened against me :

2 They speak against me with false tongues ; they surround me with words of hatred, and war against me without cause :

3 In return for my love they are mine adversaries; *and* though I pray *for them*, they repay me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

4 He who sitteth in judgment on me is an impious man ; and a false accuser standeth at his right-hand.

5 While he giveth sentence, "Let him be condemned," *say they*, "and let his petition *for pardon* aggravate his crime.

6 "Let his days be few, and another take his office :

7 "Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow :

8 "Let his children be vagabonds and beggars ; let them be driven from their ruinous habitations.

9 "Let the extortioner seize all that he hath :

hath : and let strangers despoil him of his labour.

10 " Let there be no one to show him kindness ; no one to compassionate his fatherless children.

11 " Let his posterity be annihilated ; and in another generation let their name be forgotten.

12 " Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before JEHOVAH ; and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

13 " Let these be continually before JEHOVAH, that he may cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

14 " Because he remembereth not to show kindness ; but persecuteth the man who is afflicted and destitute, and broken-hearted, to put him to death :

15 " Because he delighteth in cursing, therefore it shall come upon him ; because he loveth not blessing, therefore it shall be far from him :

16 " Because he clotheth himself with cursing as with a garment, let it sit upon him like the robe which he weareth, and like the girdle with which he is constantly girded :

17 " Nay ;

17 "Nay; let it pass like water into his bowels, and like marrow into his bones."

18 Be such, *therefore*, the reward of mine adversaries, from JEHOVAH; and of those who speak evil against my life.

19 But do thou, O JEHOVAH! deal mercifully with me for thy name's sake; because thy mercy is good:

20 Deliver me, O JEHOVAH! for I am afflicted and destitute, and mine heart is wounded within me.

21 I am departing like the evening-shadow when it lengtheneth; and I am driven away like the locust:

22 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh withereth for want of fatness:

23 I am become a subject of reproach among them; when they see me, they shake their heads.

24 Help me, O JEHOVAH! my GOD! save me, for thy mercy's sake:

25 That they may acknowledge that it is thine hand: that thou, O JEHOVAH! hast done it.

26 Though they curse, do thou bless; and let those who rise up against me be ashamed, but let thy servant rejoice.

27 Let

27 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame ; and covered with confusion as with a cloak :

28 *As for me*, I will give thanks unto JEHOVAH with my mouth ; and praise him among the multitudes of people :

29 For he standeth at the right-hand of a destitute man, to save my life from unrighteous judges.

PSALM CX.

JEHOVAH said unto my lord ;—"Sit thou on my right-hand, until I make thine enemies my foot-stool."

2 JEHOVAH shall deliver *to thee* the sceptre of thy power from Zion ; and thou shalt rule in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall willingly offer themselves on the day when thy forces are assembled upon the holy hills : the youth of thine *army* shall be like the dew from the womb of the morning.

4 JEHOVAH hath sworn, and he will not repent ; "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

5 JEHOVAH, on thy right-hand, will wound even kings in the day of his wrath :

6 He

6 He will execute judgment among the nations; he will cover *the field of battle* with dead bodies, and wound the chief of many nations.

7 He will appoint thee a leader of many in the way; so shall he elevate *thine* head.

PSALM CXI.

I WILL give thanks unto JEHOVAH with my whole heart in private among the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of JEHOVAH are great, worthy of being studied by all who delight in him.

3 His actions are *full of* glory and renown; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made memorable his wonderful works; JEHOVAH is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He giveth food to those who fear him; he remembereth his covenant for ever:

6 He hath showed his people the might of his deeds, by giving them the inheritance of the nations.

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7 The works of his hands are truth and justice ; all his ordinances are immutable :

8 They are fixed for ever and ever, and are founded in truth and equity.

9 He offered salvation to his people; he ordained his covenant for ever : holy and worthy to be revered is his name.

10 The fear of JEHOVAH is the perfection of wisdom ; a good understanding have all those who practise it ; his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

HAPPY is the man who feareth JEHOVAH ; who taketh great delight in his commandments !

2 His posterity shall be mighty in the land ; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Plenty and riches shall be in his house : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Light ariseth in the midst of darkness, for the just, the compassionate, the merciful, and the righteous.

5 He who is liberal and lendeth, and who restraineth his words with discretion, shall prosper.

6 For

6 For he shall never be removed; *and* the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance :

7 He shall not fear evil report ; his heart is fixed, he relieth on JEHOVAH :

8 His heart is firm, he will not be alarmed, even when he looketh his enemies in the face.

9 He giveth liberally to the necessitous ; his righteousness endureth for ever, and his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked, seeing this, will grieve ; he will gnash with his teeth and pine away : the desire of the wicked will come to nought.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE JEHOVAH, O ye his servants ! O praise ye the name of JEHOVAH !

2 Praised be the name of JEHOVAH, from this time forward, even for ever.

3 Praised be the name of JEHOVAH, from the rising of the sun to his setting.

4 *For* JEHOVAH is exalted over all nations ; his glory is above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto JEHOVAH, our GOD, who dwelleth in the heavens, and

yet humbleth himself to look down upon the earth?

6 Who raiseth the poor from the dust : who raiseth the wretched from the dung-hill ;

7 To seat him with princes ; even with the princes of his people.

8 Who maketh the barren woman to be mistress of a family, and a joyful mother of children.

PSALM CXIV.

PRAISE ye JEHOVAH.—When Israel came forth from Egypt, *and* the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people ;

2 Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld *him*, and fled ; Jordan retired back :

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like *affrighted* lambs.

5 What ailed thee, o thou sea ! that thou fleddest ? *and* thee, o Jordan ! that thou retiredst back ?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams ? and ye hills, like *affrighted* lambs ?

7 Tremble,

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of JEHOVAH ; at the presence of the GOD of Jacob :

8 Who changed the rock into a standing water, *and* the flint into a running stream.

PSALM CXV.

NOT for our sake, O JEHOVAH ! not for our sake, but for thine own name's sake, give we praise ; on account of thy mercy, and on account of thy truth.

2 Wherefore should the nations say, " Where is now their GOD ? "

3 When our GOD, who is in heaven, can bring to pass whatsoever he pleaseth.

4 The idols of the nations are silver and gold ; the work of human hands :

5 They have mouths, *but* they cannot speak : they have eyes, *but* they cannot see :

6 They have ears, *but* they cannot hear ; they have noses, *but* they cannot smell :

7 They have hands, *but* they cannot feel ; they have feet, *but* they cannot walk : neither can they speak through their throat.

8 Let those who make these *idols* be-
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come like them ; so also all those who trust in them.

9 The house of Israel trusteth in JEHOVAH ; he is their assistance and defence.

10 The house of Aaron trusteth in JEHOVAH ; he is their assistance and defence.

11 They who fear JEHOVAH trust in JEHOVAH ; he is their assistance and defence.

12 May JEHOVAH, remembering us, bless us ! may he bless the house of Israel ! may he bless the house of Aaron !

13 May he bless those who fear him, both small and great !

14 May JEHOVAH heap his blessings upon you ; upon you and your children !

15 May ye be blessed of JEHOVAH, who made heaven and earth !

16 The highest heavens are JEHOVAH's ; but he hath given the earth to the children of men.

17 The dead cannot praise thee, o JEHOVAH ! neither those who go down into *the region of silence* :

18 But we will praise JEHOVAH, from this time forward, for evermore. Praise JEHOVAH !

PSALM

PSALM CXVI.

I REJOICE, because JEHOVAH hath heard the voice of my prayer.

2 I will call upon him as long as I live, because he hath inclined his ear unto me.

3 The snares of death surrounded me, and the toils of the grave surprised me :

4 When I found trouble and heaviness, I called upon the name of JEHOVAH ; saying, " O JEHOVAH ! I beseech thee, deliver my life."

5 JEHOVAH is gracious and righteous ; yea, our GOD is merciful.

6 JEHOVAH preserveth the simple ; I was brought very low, and he saved me.

7 Return *then* unto thy rest, O my soul ! since JEHOVAH hath been gracious unto thee.

8 For my life is delivered from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling ; that I may walk before thee in the land of the living.

9 I believed that I was lost ; I was indeed greatly afflicted : I said in my flight, " all men are deceitful."

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10 What

10 What return shall I make unto JEHOVAH for all his kindness to me?

11 I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of JEHOVAH.

12 I will pay my vows unto JEHOVAH, before all his people now present.

13 The death of his servants is precious in the sight of JEHOVAH.

14 Because, O JEHOVAH ! I am thy servant, and the son of thine hand-maid, thou hast set me at large from my bonds.

15 I will offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise ; and call upon the name of JEHOVAH.

16 I will pay my vows unto JEHOVAH, before the eyes of all his people now present :

17 In the courts of the house of JEHOVAH ; in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem !

PSALM CXVII.

PRAISE JEHOVAH, O all ye nations ! celebrate him, O all ye peoples !

2 For his mercy is great towards us ; and the truth of JEHOVAH endureth for ever.

PSALM

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto JEHOVAH, for he is good, *and* his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the house of Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let those who fear JEHOVAH now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 When I was in distress, I called upon JEHOVAH : JEHOVAH answered me *by setting me at large*.

6 JEHOVAH is among those who help me ; I will not fear what man can do unto me ;

7 JEHOVAH is among those who help me ; I shall *therefore*, be able to face mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in JEHOVAH, than to place any confidence in man :

9 It is better to trust in JEHOVAH, than to place any confidence in princes.

10 All the nations surrounded me ; but in the name of JEHOVAH did I destroy them.

11 They surrounded me ; yea, they surrounded me entirely ; but in the name of JEHOVAH did I destroy them.

12 They

12 They surrounded me like bees ; but were *soon* extinct, like a blaze of thorns: for in the name of JEHOVAH did I destroy them.

13 They pushed at me with vehemence, that I might fall; but JEHOVAH helped me.

14 JEHOVAH is my strength, and *the subject of* my song; and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and triumph is in the dwellings of the righteous, *proclaiming*; “ the right-hand of JEHOVAH hath done mighty things ;

16 “ The right-hand of JEHOVAH is exalted; the right-hand of JEHOVAH hath done mighty things.”

17 I shall not die, but live; and recount the works of JEHOVAH.

18 JEHOVAH did greatly chastise me; but did not deliver me up unto death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness ; that I may enter into them, and give thanks unto JEHOVAH.

20 This is the gate of JEHOVAH ; let the righteous enter into it.

21 I will give thanks unto thee, for thou didst hear me; and art become my salvation.

22 The

22 The stone which the builders rejected, is become the chief corner-stone:

23 This is JEHOVAH's doing; *and* it is wonderful in our eyes:

24 This hath JEHOVAH done to-day; we rejoice and are glad through him.

25 Save *us* now, I beseech thee, O JEHOVAH! I beseech thee, O JEHOVAH! give *us* now success.

26 Happy be he, who cometh in the name of JEHOVAH. We pronounce a blessing upon you from the house of JEHOVAH.

27 JEHOVAH is GOD, and he constantly enlighteneth us: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my GOD, and I will thank thee; thou art my GOD, and I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto JEHOVAH! for he is good, *and* his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

Part I.

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2

How shall a young man purify his way?
even by ruling himself according to thy
word.

10 With my whole heart do I seek thee;
suffer me not to go astray from thy com-
mandments.

11 I treasure up thy word in mine heart,
that I may not sin against thee.

12 Praised art thou, O JEHOVAH! O
teach me thy statutes!

13 With my lips I recount all the judg-
ments of thy mouth.

14 I take more delight in the path of
thy testimonies, than in all *my* riches.

15 I meditate on thine ordinances, and
have regard unto thy ways.

16 I take delight in thy statutes; and
will not forget thy words.

BE

3

BE gracious unto thy servant, that I may live, and observe thy word.

18 Unveil thou mine eyes, that I may see the wonderful things of thy law.

19 I am a sojourner upon earth, hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My life is worn with continually pining for thy laws.

21 Thou rebukest the proud; those who go astray from thy commandments are cursed.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I keep thy testimonies.

23 Even princes may sit, and speak against me; nevertheless, thy servant will meditate on thy statutes:

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight, and thy statutes my counsellors.

4

MY life cleaveth to the dust; revive me, according to thy word.

26 When I declare unto thee my ways, thou hearest me; o teach me thy statutes!

27 Instruct me in the way of thine ordinances,

dinances, and I will meditate on thy wonderful works.

28 My spirit wasteth away with affliction; raise thou me up according to thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of falsehood; and teach me thy law.

30 I choose the way of truth, and set thy laws before me.

31 I adhere to thy testimonies; O JEHOVAH! let me not be ashamed.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt have enlarged mine heart.

5

TEACH me the way of thy statutes, O JEHOVAH! and I will keep it as long as I live.

34 Instruct me how I may keep thy law; and I will observe it with my whole heart.

35 Conduct me in the path of thy commandments, for I take delight therein.

36 Incline mine heart unto thy testimonies, and not unto covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and let me live in thy way.

38 Establish

38 Establish thy word with thy servant ;
that I may fear thee.

39 Turn away from me the reproach
which I dread ; for thy laws are good.

40 Lo ! my delight is in thy precepts ;
o ! let me live in thy righteousness.

6

LET thy mercy come upon me, o JEHO-
VAH ! *even* thy salvation, according to thy
word.

42 Then may I answer him who re-
proacheth me, that I confide in thy word.

43 Take not away the word of thy truth
from my mouth, for I depend upon thy
judgments :

44 Then I will diligently observe thy
law continually, *even* for ever.

45 *When* I shall walk at large, because
I seek thy precepts :

46 *Then* I will speak of thy testimonies
before kings, and will not be ashamed :

47 *Because* I delight myself in thy com-
mandments, which I love :

48 And lift up mine hands unto thy
precepts ; and meditate on thy statutes.

REMEMBER

7

REMEMBER thy word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to place my trust.

50 This is my comfort in mine affliction, that thy word reviveth me.

51 The proud hold me exceedingly in derision ; *yet* I swerve not from thy law.

52 I call to mind thy judgments of former times, O JEHOVAH ! and I derive comfort.

53 Horror seizeth me, on account of the wicked who forsake thy law.

54 Thy statutes are *the subject* of my songs, in the house where I sojourn.

55 I call to mind thy name, O JEHOVAH ! in the night ; that I may keep thy law.

56 This is my comfort, that I keep thy precepts.

8

THOU, O JEHOVAH ! art my portion ; I promise, I will keep thy law.

58 I entreat thy favour with my whole heart ; O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 I con-

59 I consider my ways; and turn my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I make haste without delay to keep thy commandments.

61 Companies of wicked men plunder me; *but* I do not forget thy law.

62 At midnight I rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all those who fear thee, and observe thy precepts.

64 The earth, O JEHOVAH! is full of thy mercy; teach me thy statutes.

9

O JEHOVAH! thou hast dealt bountifully with thy servant, according to thy word.

66 Teach me goodness, and discretion, and knowledge, that I may be stedfast in thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray; but now I keep thy word.

68 Thou, O JEHOVAH! art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have devised falsehoods against me; *but* I keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

70 Thbir heart is gross like fat; *but* my delight is in thy law.

71 It is well for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is better, in mine esteem, than thousands of gold and silver.

10

THINE hands did make me and form me; instruct me, and I will learn thy commandments.

74 They who fear thee will rejoice when they see me, because I place my trust in thy word.

75 I acknowledge, O JEHOVAH! that thy judgments are just; and that thou, of very faithfulness, hast afflicted me.

76 Let now thy mercy be my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed, for they are malicious against me without cause; *but* I meditate on thy precepts.

79 Let those who fear thee, and know thy testimonies, turn unto me.

80 Let

So Let mine heart be perfect in thy statutes, that I may not be ashamed.

II

MY soul fainteth for thy salvation ; *nevertheless*, I depend upon thy word.

82 Mine eyes are wasted *with looking* for thy word, while I say : " when wilt thou comfort me ? "

83 Though I am become like a leathern bottle in the smoke ; *yet* I do not forget thy statutes.

84 How many will the days of thy servant be ? when wilt thou execute judgment on my persecutors ?

85 The proud have digged pits for me ; they act not according to thy law.

86 All thy commandments are truth : *yet* they persecute me without cause ; o be thou mine help !

87 They have almost destroyed me upon earth ; nevertheless, I forsake not thy precepts.

88 Revive me, according to thy mercy ; and I will observe the testimonies of thy mouth.

12

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13

How greatly do I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day long.

98 Thy commandment maketh me wiser than mine enemies; therefore, it shall be my companion for ever.

99 I am become wiser than all my teachers, because thy testimonies are my study.

100 I am better instructed than the elders, for I keep thine ordinances.

101 I refrain my feet from every evil path, that I may observe thy word.

102 I depart not from thy laws, because thou teachest me.

103 How much more pleasant is thy word to my taste, than honey to my mouth!

104 From thy precepts I instruct myself, therefore I hate every false path.

14

THY word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

106 I have

106 I have sworn, and I will stedfastly continue to observe thy righteous laws.

107 I am greatly afflicted, O JEHOVAH! revive me, according to thy word.

108 Accept now the free-will offerings of my mouth, O JEHOVAH! and teach me thy laws.

109 My life is continually in danger; yet I do not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me; yet I stray not from thy precepts.

111 I have chosen thy testimonies as mine inheritance for ever, for they are the joy of mine heart.

112 I apply mine heart to perform thy statutes, for the recompence is for ever and ever.

15

I HATE those who imagine evil things; but I do love thy law.

114 Thou art mine hiding-place and shield; I place my trust in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers, that I may keep the commandments of my GOD.

116 Support me, according to thy word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of mine hope.

117 Sustain me, that I may be safe; and I will always regard thy statutes.

118 Thou treadest down all those who stray from thy statutes; for *their* falsehood *to thee* deceiveth them.

119 Thou reputest all the wicked of the earth as dross; therefore, I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth through fear of thee, and I stand in awe of thy judgments.

16

I EXECUTE judgment and justice; leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Deal kindly with thy servant for *his* good; let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes are wasted *with looking* for thy salvation, and for thy righteous promise.

124 Do unto thy servant according to thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant; give me understanding

standing that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for *thee*, O JEHOVAH ! to execute judgment ; *for* they have made void thy law :

127 Therefore, I love thy commandments, more than gold, even than fine gold :

128 Therefore, I esteem all thy precepts to be right, and abhor every false path.

17

THY testimonies are wonderful ; therefore, my soul keepeth them.

130 When thy word is unfolded, it giveth light and understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant, for I long for thy commandments.

132 Look upon me and be gracious unto me, as thou art wont to do unto those who love thy name.

133 Direct my steps according to thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from the oppression of men, then I will keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy countenance to shine on thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.

136 Mine eyes pour down rivers of water, because men keep not thy law.

18

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O JEHOVAH ! and just are thy judgments.

138 The testimonies thou hast commanded, are very righteous and true.

139 My zeal consumeth me, because mine adversaries forget thy words.

140 Thy word is exceedingly pure, and thy servant loveth it.

141 Though I am small and despised, yet I do not forget thy commandments.

142 Thy righteousness is righteousness for ever, and thy law is the truth.

143 Distress and anguish have seized upon me; yet thy commandments are my delight.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting; cause me to understand *them* that I may live.

I CALL

19

I CALL with my whole heart; hear me, o JEHOVAH!—I will keep thy statutes.

146 I call upon thee: o save me! and I will observe thy testimonies.

147 Before the dawn of day I cry *unto thee*; for I place my trust in thy word.

148 Mine eyes precede the *morning-watch*, that I may meditate on thy word.

149 Hear my voice, o JEHOVAH! according to thy mercy; revive me, as thou art wont.

150 They draw near who follow mischief, *and* depart from thy law.

151 Thou, o JEHOVAH! art near, and all thy commandments are truth.

152 I have long since known, that thou hast established thy testimonies for ever.

20

CONSIDER mine affliction, and deliver me, for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead thou my cause, and deliver me; revive me according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not inquire after thy statutes.

156 Many

156 Many are thy mercies, o JEHOVAH !
revive me as thou art wont.

157 My persecutors and mine adversaries are many : *yet* I do not swerve from thy testimonies.

158 When I see the transgressors, I am grieved, for they keep not thy word.

159 Consider, o JEHOVAH ! how I love thy commandments ; revive me, according to thy mercy.

160 The whole of thy word is truth, and all thy laws are righteousness for ever.

21

PRINCES persecute me without cause ; but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice as much in thy word, as one who findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor falsehood, *but* I love thy law.

164 Seven times in a day I praise thee for *all* thy righteous laws.

165 Great peace have they who love thy law ; and nothing shall cause them to fall.

166 I wait thy salvation, o JEHOVAH ! and perform thy commands.

167 My

167 My soul keepeth thy testimonies,
and loveth them exceedingly.

168 I observe thy precepts and testimonies,
for all my ways are before thee.

22

LET my cry, O JEHOVAH! approach thy
presence; instruct me with thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before
thee; deliver me, according to thy word.

171 My lips shall utter thy praise, for
thou teachest me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of thy word,
for all thy commandments are righteous.

173 Let thine hand help me, for I
choose thy precepts.

174 I long for thy salvation, O JEHOVAH!
and thy law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, that it may praise
thee; and let thy judgments help me.

176 I go astray like a sheep that is lost;
O seek thy servant! for I do not forget thy
commandments.

PSALM CXX.

IN my distress, I called upon JEHOVAH, and he answered me :

2 JEHOVAH delivered me from the lying lip, *and* from the deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be thy recompence, thou lying lip? and what thy reward, thou deceitful tongue?

4 Even the sharp arrows of the warrior, with the fierce-burning coals of juniper.

5 Woe was me, when I was forced to sojourn at Mesech, and to dwell in the tents of Kedar.

6 I dwelt a long time there, with those who hated peace :

7 *Even* when I spoke of peace, they were for war.

PSALM CXXI.

I LIFT up mine eyes above the mountains, *unto the place* from whence cometh mine help.

2 Mine help is from JEHOVAH, who made the heavens and the earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; neither will he slumber who guardeth thee.

4 Lo !

4 Lo! he, who guardeth Israel, will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 JEHOVAH is thy guard; JEHOVAH is thy defence on thy right-hand:

6 *So that* the sun shall not injure thee by day, neither the moon by night.

7 JEHOVAH shall protect thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy life:

8 JEHOVAH shall guard thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forward, even for ever.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS delighted with those who said unto me;—"Let us go together to the house of JEHOVAH:

2 "Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem!

3 "Jerusalem is built as a *federal* city, which is closely united:

4 "Unto which the tribes go up together, *even* the tribes of JEHOVAH, according to *his* command to Israel, to celebrate the name of JEHOVAH.

5 "For there are the tribunals of judgment, the tribunals of the house of David,"

6 Pray

6 Pray ye for the peace of Jerusalem :
may they prosper who love thee !

7 May peace be within thy walls, *and*
security within thy ramparts !

8 For the sake of my brethren and my
neighbours, I say now, "Peace be unto
thee !"

9 For the sake of the house of JEHO-
VAH, our GOD, I wish prosperity unto
thee !

PSALM CXXIII.

UNTO thee do I lift up mine eyes, o
thou who dwellest in the heavens !

2 Behold, as the eyes of men-servants
look unto the hands of their masters, *and*
as the eyes of a maid-servant unto the
hands of her mistress ; so do our eyes *look*
unto JEHOVAH, our GOD, until he shall have
mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, o JEHOVAH !
have mercy upon us ; for we have been
treated, beyond example, with contempt.

4 Our soul hath been filled above mea-
sure with the derision of the insolent, and
with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM

PSALM CXXIV.

IF JEHOVAH had not been on our side,
may Israel now say ;

2 If JEHOVAH had not been on our side
when men rose up against us :

3 Surely they had swallowed us up alive,
in the heat of their wrath against us.

4 Surely the waters had overwhelmed us,
and the stream had passed over us : the
swelling waters had passed over us.

5 *But* praised be JEHOVAH, who did
not give us up a prey unto their teeth.

6 We are escaped like a bird out of the
snare of the fowler ; the snare is broken,
and we are delivered.

7 Our help is in the name of JEHOVAH,
who made the heavens and the earth.

PSALM CXXV.

THOSE who place their trust in JEHOVAH
are like mount Zion, which cannot be re-
moved, *but* continueth fixed for ever.

2 As the mountains encompass Jerusa-
lem,

lem, so JEHOVAH surroundeth his people, from henceforth, even for ever :

3 That the tribe of the wicked may not rest on the lot of the righteous ; lest the righteous should *be tempted to* put their hands unto iniquity.

4 Send prosperity, O JEHOVAH ! unto the good, and unto those who are pure in heart.

5 But as for those who turn aside to their own perverse inclinations, JEHOVAH shall make them go forth with the workers of iniquity : and give peace unto Israel.

PSALM CXXVI.

WHEN JEHOVAH brought back the captive sons of Zion, we were like unto men *awakened from* a dream :

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy :

3 Then said the nations ; "JEHOVAH hath done great things for them."

4 JEHOVAH hath, *indeed*, done great things for us, for which we rejoice.

5 JEHOVAH hath restored *us from our*
captivity

captivity ; *delightful to us* as the refreshing streams to a parched country.

6 Those who did sow in tears, reap with joy.

7 He who goeth forth weeping, bearing the seed *to sow*, returneth with joy, bringing the sheaves *with him*.

PSALM CXXVII.

UNLESS JEHOVAH build the house, their labour is but lost who build it.

2 Unless JEHOVAH keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

3 It is in vain for you to rise up early *to labour*, and to go late to rest, *and to eat the bread of carefulness*, unless JEHOVAH *bless your endeavours* : but he giveth to his beloved, *even* while they sleep.

4 Lo ! children, the fruit of the womb, are an heritage and gift that cometh from JEHOVAH.

5 Like as arrows in the hand of the mighty man, even so are young children :

6 Happy is the man who hath his quiver filled with them : they shall not be put to shame, when they treat with their enemies in the city gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

HAPPY is every one who feareth JEHOVAH, *and* walketh in his ways :

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands ; thou shalt be happy and prosperous.

3 Thy wife shall be like the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house : thy children like olive-plants around thy table.

4 Lo ! thus shall the man be blessed who feareth JEHOVAH.

5 JEHOVAH shall bless thee from Zion, and thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of thy life ; yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

PSALM CXXIX.

FROM my youth they have frequently oppressed me, may Israel truly say :

2 From my youth they have frequently oppressed me ; but they have not prevailed against me.

3 They have, *as it were*, ploughed long furrows upon my back ; but JEHOVAH,
who

who is righteous, hath cut the plough-cords of the wicked asunder.

4 May all those who hate Zion, be ashamed and put to flight :

5 May they be like the grass upon the house-top, which withereth before it groweth up :

6 With which the mower filleth not his hand, nor the sheaf-binder his arm :

7 Neither do those who pass by, say ;
“ The blessing of JEHOVAH be upon you !
we bless you in the name of JEHOVAH.”

PSALM CXXX.

FROM the deep I did call unto thee, o JEHOVAH ! *saying* ; “ o JEHOVAH ! hear my voice ; *and* let thine ears attend to the voice of my supplication :

2 “ If thou, o JEHOVAH ! shouldst mark down *all* our iniquities, who could stand *before thee* ?

3 “ But with thee there is forgiveness ; therefore, thou art revered.”

4 I wait for JEHOVAH, my soul waiteth for him ; for I place my trust in his word.

5 My soul waiteth for JEHOVAH more *ardently* than those who watch *do wait* for the *appearance* of the morning.

6 O Israel! place thy trust in JEHOVAH, for with JEHOVAH there is mercy, and with him there is great power to save:

7 And he shall save *his people* Israel from all their iniquities.

PSALM CXXXI.

MY heart, O JEHOVAH! is not haughty; neither are mine eyes lofty.

2 I do not occupy myself in matters which are too great, or too high for me.

3 But I compose and pacify myself, as the mother *appeaseth* her weaned child.

4 O Israel! place thy trust in JEHOVAH, from henceforth, even forever.

PSALM CXXXII.

O JEHOVAH! remember David, on account of his solicitude *for thy glory*; for he swore unto JEHOVAH, and vowed to the mighty GOD of Jacob:

2 "I will not," *said he*, "enter the tabernacle

bernacle of mine house, nor ascend to my bed ;

3 " I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber ;

4 " Until I find a place for JEHOVAH ; an habitation for the mighty GOD of Jacob."

5 Lo ! we heard of the place at Ephrata ; and we found it in the plains of the forest.

6 We will go into his tabernacle, and fall prostrate before his footstool.

7 " Arise," *we will say*, " O JEHOVAH ! to take possession of thy resting-place ; thou and the ark of thy power.

8 " Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness ; and let thine holy ones sing aloud for joy.

9 " For the sake of David, thy servant, reject not the prayer of thine anointed."

10 JEHOVAH did swear unto David that which shall be true, *and* he will not depart from it.

11 " One of the descendants of thy body," *said he*, " I will place on thy throne.

12 " *And* if thy children will keep my covenant, and the testimonies which I shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon thy throne for ever."

13 For JEHOVAH hath made choice of Zion; he hath selected it for an habitation for himself.

14 "This *city*," *saitb he*, "shall be mine abode for ever; here will I dwell, for I have an affection to her.

15 "I will assuredly bless her provisions, and satisfy her poor with bread:

16 "I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her holy ones shall sing aloud for joy!

17 "There I will make the horn of David to prosper; I have ordained a succession for mine anointed.

18 "His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon him shall his crown flourish."

PSALM CXXXIII.

BEHOLD, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 Yea, it is altogether *as sweet* as the precious oil poured on the head, which ran down upon the beard of Aaron to the collar of his robes;

3 Or, as the dew of consecration which fell on the mountain of Zion;

4 For

4 For there JEHOVAH promised his blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

LO ! praise ye JEHOVAH, all ye his servants, all ye who stand every night in the house of JEHOVAH !

2 Lift up your hands in *his* sanctuary, and praise the name of JEHOVAH.

3 May JEHOVAH, who made heaven and earth, bless thee from Zion !

PSALM CXXXV.

PRAISE the name of JEHOVAH : praise it, ye servants of JEHOVAH ;

2 Who stand in the house of JEHOVAH ; in the courts of the house of our GOD.

3 Praise ye JEHOVAH, for he is good ; sing praise unto his name, for he is gracious.

4 For JEHOVAH hath chosen Jacob for himself ; *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 Wherefore I acknowledge that JEHOVAH is great, and that our GOD is above all gods.

6 JEHOVAH doth whatsoever he pleas-

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eth in the heavens, and on the earth, in the sea and in the abyss.

7 He raiseth the vapours from the surface of the earth ; he formeth the lightnings with the rain, *and* bringeth forth the wind from his treasures.

8 He it is who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast :

9 Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, o Egypt ! upon Pharaoh and upon all his servants :

10 Who smote nations which were numerous, and slew kings who were powerful :

11 *Namely* ; Sihon, king of the Amorites ; and Og, king of Bashan ; and all the kingdoms of Canaan :

12 And gave their land *for* an inheritance, an inheritance unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, o JEHOVAH ! is eternal : *and* the remembrance of thee *shall endure* through all generations.

14 For JEHOVAH will do justice to his people, and have compassion on his servants.

15 *But* the idols of the nations are *nothing more than* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They

16 They have mouths, but speak not;
and eyes, but see not:

17 They have ears, but hear not; yea,
there is no breath in their mouths.

18 Such as these are, such are those who
make them; *and* such is every one who
placeth his trust in them.

19 Praise JEHOVAH, ye house of Israel;
praise JEHOVAH, ye house of Aaron!

20 Praise JEHOVAH, ye house of Levi;
ye who fear JEHOVAH, praise JEHOVAH!

21 Praised from Zion be JEHOVAH,
who dwelleth at Jerusalem!

PSALM CXXXVI.

PRAISE JEHOVAH, because he is good,
and because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Praise the GOD of gods, because his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 Praise the LORD of lords, because his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 *Praise* him who alone doeth great
wonders, because his mercy *endureth* for
ever.

5 *Praise* him who by wisdom made the
heavens, because his mercy *endureth* for
ever.

6 *Praise*

6 *Praise* him who spread out the earth above the waters, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 *Praise* him who made the great lights, because his mercy *endureth* for ever :

8 The sun to rule the day, because his mercy *endureth* for ever ;

9 The moon and the stars to rule the night, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 *Praise* him who smote the Egyptians in their first-born, because his mercy *endureth* for ever :

11 Who brought forth Israel from among them, because his mercy *endureth* for ever ;

12 With a mighty hand, and stretched-out arm, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

13 *Praise* him who divided the red-sea, because his mercy *endureth* for ever :

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, because his mercy *endureth* for ever ;

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the red-sea, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 *Praise* him who led his people through

through the wilderness, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

17 Praise him who smote great kings, because his mercy *endureth* for ever :

18 And slew kings who were powerful, for his mercy *endureth* for ever ;

19 Namely ; Sihon, king of the Amorites, because his mercy *endureth* for ever ;

20 And Og, king of Bashan, because his mercy *endureth* for ever ;

21 And gave their land for an inheritance, because his mercy *endureth* for ever ;

22 For an inheritance unto Israel, his servant, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

23 He remembered us when we were in trouble, because his mercy *endureth* for ever :

24 And rescued us from our enemies, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

25 He giveth food to all flesh, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

26 Praise the GOD of heaven, because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

BY the rivers of Babylon we sat down ;
we wept when we remembered Zion.

2 We hung our harps upon the willows
which grow there.

3 When those who led us captive demanded of us a song, and those who had taken us prisoners required from us *expressions* of joy,—*saying*, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion :”

4 *We answered*; “How can we sing a song unto JEHOVAH in a foreign land ?”

5 If I forget thee, o JERUSALEM ! let my right-hand forget *its skill in playing !*

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember thee ; if I do not prefer thee, o Jerusalem ! above my greatest joy.

7 Remember, o JEHOVAH ! the sons of Edom, who said, in the day of Jerusalem, “Rase it, rase it, even to its foundation !”

8 O daughter of Babylon *who art to be* destroyed ! happy shall he be who shall do unto thee, what thou hast done unto us :

9 Happy the man, who shall seize, and dash thy little ones against the rock.

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PSALM CXXXVIII.

I WILL praise thee, O JEHOVAH ! with my whole heart ; in preference to *other* gods, I will praise thee.

2 I will prostrate myself in thine holy temple, and praise thy name, because of thy mercy and truth : for thou hast magnified thy name above every *other* name.

3 When I called upon thee, thou hearest me ; and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O JEHOVAH ! when they shall hear the words of thy mouth :

5 And they shall sing concerning JEHOVAH ; " That great is the glory of JEHOVAH :

6 " For, though JEHOVAH be exalted, yet he beholdeth the humble ; and bringeth evil on the proud from afar."

7 Though I walk in the midst of distress, thou supportest me ; thou stretchest forth thine hand against the fury of mine enemies, and thy right-hand saveth me.

8 JEHOVAH is a shield unto me : thy mercy, O JEHOVAH ! endureth for ever :
thou

thou never forsakest the work of thine hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O JEHOVAH ! thou hast thoroughly examined me, and knowest me ; thou knowest my sitting down, and my rising up : thou understandest my thoughts from afar.

2 Thou surroundest my path and my bed ; and foreseest all my ways.

3 Before my speech is upon my tongue, thou, O JEHOVAH ! knowest the whole of it.

4 This wonderful knowledge is too high for me, I cannot attain unto it.

5 Lo ! O JEHOVAH ! thou knowest all the past and the future ; thou didst form me, and didst place thine hand upon me.

6 Whither can I go from thy spirit ? and whither can I flee from thy presence ?

7 If I climb the heavens, thou art there ; if I make my bed in the grave, lo ! thou art there also.

8 If I take my flight to the east ; or settle in the remotest part of the west :

9 Even there thine hand will still lead me, and thy right-hand will hold me.

10 Shall

10 Shall I say ; " At least the darkness will veil me ; " but the night is bright around me ; yea, the darkness will not hide me before thee :

11 And the night is as bright as the day ; the darkness is as shining light.

12 Surely thou didst form my reins ; thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.

13 I will praise thee, O JEHOVAH ! for I am awfully made ; wonderful are thy works, and my soul knoweth it well.

14 My substance would not be hidden from thee, though I were made in secret ; though I were curiously formed beneath the earth :

15 Thine eyes would see mine imperfect limbs ; and, in thy book, all of them would be written, as soon as they were formed, before they were united.

16 Yet of how great value have thy thoughts concerning me been ! O GOD ! how many have been their excellencies !

17 If I should count them, they would be more than the sand. Thou hast cast off mine enemies, O JEHOVAH ! *from* thy people.

18 Yea,

18 Yea, thou, o GOD ! hast slain the wicked, and the men of blood :

19 They are removed from me who provoked thee by *their* wicked purposes, and made light of thy testimonies.

20 Do I not hate those who hate thee, o JEHOVAH ? Yea, I am displeased with those who rise up against thee :

21 Yea, I do hate them with a perfect hatred, and look upon them as mine enemies.

22 Search me, o GOD ! and discover mine heart ; sift, and discover my thoughts:

23 Look well if there be any idolatrous disposition in me ; and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

DELIVER me, o JEHOVAH ! from the injurious man ; preserve me from the violent man :

2 Who study mischief in their hearts, *and* excite enmities all the day long.

3 They sharpen their tongue like that of a serpent ; the poison of aspicks is under their lips.

4 Keep

4 Keep me, O JEHOVAH! from the hands of the wicked man; preserve me from the violent man, *for they are contriving to supplant me.*

5 The proud set a trap for me; and spread a net of cords for my feet; they plant snares for me on the way side.

6 I say unto JEHOVAH, "Thou art my GOD:" Hear, O JEHOVAH! the voice of my petition!

7 O JEHOVAH! my GOD! the strength of my salvation; the covering of my head in the day of battle:

8 Grant not, O JEHOVAH! the desires of the wicked man, but make his devices to fail.

9 Let not those who surround me lift up *their* heads; let the iniquity of their own lips overwhelm them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them; cast them into pits, that they may rise no more.

11 Let not the man of an evil tongue be established in the land! let calamity pursue the violent man to *his* ruin!

12 I know assuredly that JEHOVAH

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will assert the cause of the oppressed, and the right of the needy.

13 Doubtless, *therefore*, the righteous will praise thy name, and the just will dwell in thy presence.

PSALM CXLI.

O JEHOVAH ! I invoke thee, hasten unto me ; hear my voice now I call upon thee :

2 Let my prayer be accepted, like the incense before thee ; *and* the lifting up of mine hands, like the evening-sacrifice.

3 Place, O JEHOVAH ! a watch upon my mouth, and a guard upon the door of my lips.

4 Let not mine heart incline to speak evil : let me not sin presumptuously with the impious, the workers of iniquity ; neither suffer me to partake of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous kindly correct me and reprove me ; *but* let not the oil of the wicked anoint mine head : yea, let my prayer be ever against their wickedness.

6 When their princes on the sides of the rock were dismissed in safety ; they heard the words of JEHOVAH, that they were sweet :

7 *But*

7 *But* our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave, as when one breaketh up, and plougheth the ground.

8 *Nevertheless*, mine eyes are upon thee, O JEHOVAH! my GOD! *while* I make thee my refuge, leave not my life defenceless:

9 Preserve me from the trap they have set for me, and from the snares of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own toils together; but let me ever escape them.

PSALM CXLII.

I CALL UNTO JEHOVAH with my voice; unto JEHOVAH do I make my supplication:

2 I pour forth my complaint before him; I declare to him my distress:

3 While my spirit fainthe within me; *saying*, "Thou knowest my path; *and* in the way in which I should walk, the proud have laid a snare for me."

4 *When* I look on my right-hand, and see that there is none to deliver me, that there is no way left to escape, *and* that there is not one who careth for my life:

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5 I cry

5 I cry unto thee, JEHOVAH ! I say,
“ Thou art my confidence, *and* my portion
in the land of the living.”

6 Hearken to my cry, for I am exceedingly exhausted ; deliver me from my pursuers, for they are too strong for me.

7 Bring me out of this confinement, that I may praise thy name ; *for* the righteous will come about me, when thou art favourable unto me.

PSALM CXLIH.

HEAR my prayer, O JEHOVAH ! hearken unto my supplication ; *and* answer me for thy faithfulness’ *and* thy righteousness’ sake :

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight no man living can be justified.

3 When the enemy pursueth me, he smiteth my life to the ground ; he maketh me dwell in darkness, like those who have been long dead :

4 When my spirit fainteth within me, mine heart is confounded in the midst of me:

5 I call to mind the days of ancient times ;

times ; I contemplate all thy works ; I meditate on all thy glorious deeds :

6 I spread forth mine hands unto thee ; my soul *thirsteth* for thee, as a thirsty land *for rain*.

7 Hasten to help me, O JEHOVAH ! for my spirit fainteth ; hide not thy countenance from me, lest I become like those who go down to the pit.

8 Make me to hear speedily of thy mercy, for I trust in thee ; instruct me in the way in which I should go, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me from mine enemies, O JEHOVAH ! *for* I flee unto thee for protection.

10 Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my GOD ; let thy good spirit conduct me in a plain path.

11 For thy name's sake, O JEHOVAH ! preserve my life ; for thy righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of distress.

12 In thy goodness cut off mine enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul ; for I am thy servant.

PSALM CXLIV.

PRAISED be JEHOVAH, my rock, who teacheth mine hands in war, and my fingers in battle.

2 He is my protection and my stronghold, my fortress and my deliverance; my shield, under which I take refuge: he *it is* who reduceth nations unto me.

3 O JEHOVAH! what is man that thou takest notice of him; *or* the son of man that thou regardest him?

4 Man is like a breath that soon vanisheth; his days pass away like the evening-shadow.

5 O JEHOVAH! bow thy heavens and come down; touch the mountains, and they will smoke:

6 Flash forth thy lightning, and scatter them; shoot thine arrows, and discomfit them.

7 Stretch out thine hand from above, and deliver me; rescue me from the great waters:

8 From the hand of the sons of strangers; whose mouth speaketh vanity, and
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whose right-hand is a right-hand of falsehood.

9 O GOD ! I will sing unto thee a new song ; and sing praises unto thee, with a ten-stringed lute :

10 For it is thou, who givest unto kings, and deliverest David, thy servant, from the destroying sword.

11 Oh ! rescue me from the hand of the sons of strangers ; whose mouth speaketh vanity, and whose right-hand is a right-hand of falsehood :

12 That our sons may be as young and thriving plants ; and our daughters as the polished corner-pillars of the sanctuary :

13 That our store-houses may be full of *the* produce of *the* earth of every kind ; that our sheep may bring forth in thousands and in ten thousands in our open pastures ; and that our oxen may be strong for labour :

14 That there may be no hostile invasion ; no leading into captivity ; no complaint *to be heard* in our streets.

15 Happy are the people, who are in such a state ! happy are the people, who have JEHOVAH for their God !

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PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE JEHOVAH, O my soul ! I will praise JEHOVAH as long as I live : I will sing praise unto my GOD, while I have a being.

2 Place not your trust in princes, neither in any of the sons of man, for in them there is no deliverance :

3 *For* when the life of a man departeth, he returneth to his earth ; and, at the same time, all his designs come to nought.

4 Happy is the man who hath the God of Jacob for his aid ; and whose reliance is upon JEHOVAH :

5 Who made the heavens and the earth ; the sea, and all things that are therein :

6 Who keepeth his promise for ever ; who executeth judgment for the oppressed, and giveth food to the hungry.

7 JEHOVAH releaseth the fettered captive ; JEHOVAH openeth the eyes of the blind ;

8 JEHOVAH

8 JEHOVAH raiseth up those who are fallen ; JEHOVAH loveth the righteous ;

9 JEHOVAH guardeth the strangers ; he supporteth the fatherless and widow, but subverteth the way of the wicked.

10 JEHOVAH shall reign for ever, *even*, thy GOD, o Zion ! through all generations.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE JEHOVAH, for it is good ; sing praise to our GOD, for it is delightful ; praise becometh the upright.

2 JEHOVAH rebuildeth Jerusalem, *and* gathereth together the dispersed of Israel :

3 He healeth the broken-hearted, and appeaseth their grief :

4 He telleth the number of the stars, *and* calleth every one of them by name.

5 Great is JEHOVAH, and abounding in power ; his wisdom is infinite.

6 JEHOVAH exalteth the meek, *but* humbleth the wicked even with the ground.

7 Sing ye, alternately, unto JEHOVAH, with rejoicing : sing praise with the harp unto our GOD :

8 Who

8 Who covereth the heavens with clouds;
and provideth the rain for the earth :

9 Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains, *and* giveth to the animal creation their food ; *even* to the young ravens when they cry.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse ; neither is he pleased with the agility of the warrior.

11 *But* JEHOVAH is pleased with those who fear him ; with those who depend on his mercy.

12 Praise JEHOVAH, o Jerusalem !
praise thy GOD, o Zion !

13 For he strengtheneth the bars of thy gates, *and* blesseth thy children within thee :

14 He establisheth peace in thy borders,
and giveth thee abundance of wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his word unto the earth, *and* his command runneth with speed :

16 He giveth snow like unto wool, *and* scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes :

17 He casteth down his ice to bind up *the* waters ; what can *then* stand before his frost ?

18 He dispatcheth his word, and melteth them ; he changeth the wind, and the waters flow.

19 He

19 He hath declared his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel :

20 *But* he hath not done so to any *other* nation ; neither are they acquainted with his laws : Praise ye JEHOVAH !

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE JEHOVAH, ye *inhabitants of the heavens* ; praise him, ye *who dwell in the regions on high*.

2 Praise him, all ye his angels ; praise him, all ye his hosts.

3 Praise him, ye sun and moon ; praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heaven of heavens ; and ye waters which are above the heavens.

5 Let these praise the name of JEHOVAH ; for he commanded, and they were created :

6 He established them for ever and ever, *and* gave them a law which they shall not transgress.

7 Praise JEHOVAH, ye *creatures of the earth* ; ye sea-animals and all the abyss :

8 Lightning

8 Lightning and hail, snow and vapour,
storm and tempest, executing his word :

9 Mountains and all hills : fruit-bearing
trees and all cedars :

10 Wild-beasts and all cattle ; reptiles
and all winged fowl :

11 Kings of the earth and all people :
princes and all judges of the world :

12 Young men and maidens ; old men
and children.

13 Let these praise the name of JEHO-
VAH ; for his name alone is worthy to be
praised.

14 His greatness *extendeth* over the earth
and the heavens ; and he exalteth the horn
of his people.

15 He is the glory of all his pious ones,
even of the children of Israel ; a people
near unto him.

PSALM CXLIX.

SING unto JEHOVAH a new song ; *sing* his
praise in the congregation of his pious ones.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made
him ; let the children of Zion exult in their
king.

3 Let

3 Let them praise his name in the dance, let them sing praise to him with the tabor and harp :

4 For JEHOVAH taketh pleasure in his people ; and the humble he maketh illustrious by *his* deliverance.

5 Let his holy ones exult with glory ; let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 The praises of GOD shall be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hands :

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and to chastize the nations ;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with links of iron :

9 That they may execute upon them the judgment that is written : Such is the honour *reserved* for all his holy ones.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE GOD for his holiness ; praise him for the vast extent of his power :

2 Praise him for his mighty acts ; praise him according to his exceeding greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet ; praise him with the lute and harp :

4 Praise

4 Praise him with the tabor and pipe ;
praise him with stringed instruments and
pipes :

5 Praise him with the soft-tuned cym-
bal ; praise him with the loud cymbal.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise
JEHOVAH.

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“ ornaments of figurative diction.” This ob-
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devotional poetry, as being calculated to prepare him rightly to judge of, and to appreciate, the correctness and the taste of such compositions.

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THE ONE LIVING AND TRUE GOD.

I

ETERNAL GOD ! almighty cause
Of earth, and seas, and worlds unknown !
All things are subject to thy laws ;
All things depend on thee alone.

II

Thy glorious being singly stands,
Of all, within itself, possest :
By none control'd in thy commands ;
And in thyself completely blest.

III

No other can thine honours claim,
No higher deities there are ;
No rivals bear thine awful name,
No fellow-gods thy glory share.

IV

Worship to thee alone belongs,
Worship to thee alone we give ;
Thine be our hearts, and thine our songs,
And to thy glory may we live !

V

Spread thy great name thro' ev'ry land ;
All idol deities dethrone :
Subdue the world to thy command,
And reign, unrivall'd GOD alone.

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THE GOD OF NATURE.

I

HAIL, king supreme ! all wise and good !
To thee our thoughts we raise ;
While nature's beauties, wide display'd,
Inspire our hearts with praise.

II

At morning, noon, and ev'ning mild,
Fresh wonders strike our view ;
And while we gaze, our hearts exult
With transports ever new.

III

The lofty hill, the humble lawn
With countless beauties shine ;
The silent grove, and awful shade
Proclaim thy pow'r divine.

IV

From tree to tree, a constant hymn
Employs the feather'd throng ;
To thee their cheerful notes they swell,
And chant their grateful song.

V

Great nature's god ! still may these scenes
Our serious hours engage ;
Still may our grateful hearts consult
Thy works' instructive page !

THE SAME.

I

THERE is a GOD, all nature speaks,
Thro' earth, and air, and seas, and skies :
See, from the clouds his glory breaks,
When the first beams of morning rise !

II

The rising sun, serenely bright,
O'er the wild world's extended frame,
Inscribes, in characters of light,
His mighty maker's glorious name.

III

Diffusing life, his influence spreads,
And health and plenty smile around ;
And fruitful fields, and verdant meads,
Are with a thousand blessings crown'd.

IV

Let curious minds, who roam abroad,
And trace creation's wonders o'er,
Confess the power of this GOD,
And him, and him alone, adore.

GOD, THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF NATURE.

I

WITH glory clad, with strength array'd,
The LORD, who o'er all nature reigns,
The world's foundations strongly laid,
And the vast fabric still sustains.

II

How surely 'stablish'd is thy throne !
Which shall no change or period see ;
For thou, O LORD ! and thou alone,
Art GOD from all eternity.

III

The seas, O LORD ! lift up their voice,
And toss the troubled waves on high ;
But GOD above rebukes their noise,
And straight the angry seas comply.

IV

Thy promise, LORD ! is ever sure,
And in thy presence they shall dwell,
Who, their high station to secure,
Shall still in holiness excel.

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

I

LORD ! how thy wonders are display'd
Where'er we turn our eyes !
If we survey the ground we tread,
Or gaze upon the skies.

II

There's not a plant, or flow'r below,
But makes thy glories known ;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from thy throne.

III

Creatures (as numerous as they be)
Are subject to thy care :
There's not a place where we can flee,
But GOD is present there.

VI

Thy hand is our perpetual guard,
Thou keep'st us with thine eye :
Why should we then forget thee, LORD !
Who art for ever nigh ?

THE SAME.

I

THROUGH all the various, shifting scene
Of life's mistaken ill or good,
Thy hand, O GOD ! conducts unseen,
The beautiful vicissitude.

II

Thou givest, with a father's care,
(Howe'er unjustly we complain,)
To each their necessary share
Of joy and sorrow, health and pain.

III

All things on earth, and all in heav'n
On thine eternal will depend;
And all for greater good were giv'n,
Would man pursue th' appointed end.

VI

Be this our care—to all beside
Indiff'rent let our wishes be :
Passion be calm, and dumb be pride,
And fix'd our minds, O GOD ! on thee.

CONSOLATORY VIEWS OF NATURE AND PROVIDENCE.

I

THE GOD of heaven is kind and just :

Then let no man complain ;
Nor e'er his providence distrust,
His high decrees arraign.

II

Though clouds should darken all the scene,
Be this thy steadfast aim,
Still to preserve a mind serene,
Free from all guilt and shame.

III

The lowliest flow'rs that deck the field,
Thy mute instructors are ;
And wholesome admonition yield
Against corroding care.

IV

Oh ! listen to kind nature's voice :
To heav'n direct thine eyes ;
There nobler objects claim thy choice,
And brighter prospects rise.

V

Far from anxiety and care,
Still seek that blissful shore,
Where discontent and dark despair
Shall rend thy heart no more.

THE UNIVERSAL PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

I

THE earth, and all the heav'nly frame,
Their great creator's love proclaim :
He gives the sun his genial pow'r,
And sends the soft refreshing show'r.

II

The ground with plenty blooms again,
And yields her various fruits to men ;
To men, who, from his bounteous hand,
Receive the gifts of ev'ry land.

III

Nor to the human race alone
Is his paternal goodness shown ;
The tribes of earth and sea and air
Enjoy his universal care.

IV

Not ev'n a sparrow yields its breath,
Till GOD permit the stroke of death :
He hears the ravens when they call ;
The father, and the friend of all !

THE CONSTANT PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

I

ETERNAL source of ev'ry joy !
Well may thy praise our lips employ,
While in thy temple we appear ;
Thy goodness crowns the circling year.

II

Wide as the earth and planets roll,
Thy hand supports and cheers the whole :
By thee the sun is taught to rise,
And darkness when to veil the skies.

III

The flow'ry spring, at thy command,
Embalms the air, and paints the land ;
The summer-rays with vigour shine,
To raise the corn, and cheer the vine.

IV

Seasons, and months, and weeks, and days,
Demand successive hymns of praise :
Still be the cheerful homage paid,
With morning light, and ev'ning shade.

V

O may our ever grateful tongue
In worlds unknown pursue the song,
And through eternal years adore
The GOD of love, the GOD of pow'r.

DEPENDENCE UPON PROVIDENCE.

I

GREAT LORD of earth, and seas, and skies!
Thy wealth the needy world supplies :
On thee alone the whole depends,
Thy care to ev'ry part extends.

II

To thee perpetual thanks we owe,
For all our comforts here below ;
Our daily bread thy bounty gives,
And ev'ry rising want relieves.

III

The wastes of life thy pow'r repairs,
Thy mercy stills all anxious cares ;
Protected by thy guardian arm,
We live secure from ev'ry harm.

IV

To thee we cheerful homage bring ;
In grateful hymns thy praises sing ;
Direct to thee our joyful eyes,
And humbly look for fresh supplies.

V

And, should thy measures seem severe,
Calmly may we thy chast'ning bear ;
Without complaint to thee submit,
Th' unerring judge of what is fit !

PROVIDENCE KIND AND BOUNTIFUL.

I

THY kingdom, LORD ! for ever stands,
While earthly thrones decay ;
And time submits to thy commands,
While ages roll away.

II

Thy sov'reign bounty freely gives
Its unexhausted store :
And universal nature lives
On thy sustaining pow'r.

III

Holy and just, in all its ways,
Is providence divine ;
In all its works, immortal rays
Of pow'r and mercy shine.

IV

The praise of god, delightful theme !
Shall fill our heart and tongue ;
Let all creation bless his name,
In one eternal song.

CONSOLATORY REFLECTIONS ON PROVIDENCE.

I

'Tis wisdom, mercy, love divine,
Which mingle blessings with our cares :
And shall our thankless hearts repine
That we obtain not all our prayers ?

II

From diffidence our sorrows flow :
Short-sighted mortals, weak and blind,
Bend down their eyes to earth and woe,
And doubt if providence be kind.

III

Should heav'n with ev'ry wish comply,
Say, would the grant relieve the care ?
Perhaps the good for which we sigh,
Might change its name, and prove a snare.

IV

Were once our vain desires subdu'd,
The will resign'd, the heart at rest ;
In ev'ry scene we should conclude,
The will of heav'n is right, is best.

THE PERFECTIONS AND PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

I

HIGH in the heav'ns, eternal GOD !
Thy goodness in full glory shines ;
Thy truth shall break through ev'ry cloud,
Which veils and darkens thy designs.

II

For ever firm thy justice stands,
As mountains their foundations keep ;
Wise are the wonders of thy hands,
Thy judgments are a mighty deep.

III

Thy providence is kind and large ;
Both man and beast thy bounty share ;
The whole creation is thy charge ;
The good are thy peculiar care.

IV

O GOD ! how excellent thy love,
Whence all our hope and comfort springs ;
The sons of Adam, in distress,
Fly to the shadow of thy wings.

THE DIVINE PERFECTIONS.

I

GREAT GOD ! thy glories shall employ
Our holy love, our humble joy ;
Our lips, in grateful songs, shall bring
Their tribute to th' eternal king.

II

The earth and stars, and worlds unknown,
Depend on thy eternal throne ;
All nature rests upon thy word,
And men and angels own thee, **LORD.**

III

Who shall pretend to teach thee skill,
Or guide the counsels of thy will ?
Thy mercy ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own.

IV

Thou, **GOD** of heav'n ! dost condescend
To be our father and our friend :
We love thy name ; we love thy word :
Join all our pow'rs to praise thee, **LORD.**

UNIVERSAL PRAISE TO GOD.

I

O GOD ! our king ! thy various praise
Shall fill the remnant of our days ;
Thy love employ our humble tongue,
Till death and glory raise the song.

II

The wings of ev'ry hour shall bear
Some thankful tribute to thine ear ;
And ev'ry setting sun shall see
New works of duty done for thee.

III

Thy truth and justice we'll proclaim ;
Thy bounty flows, an endless stream ;
Thy mercy swift, thine anger slow,
But dreadful to the stubborn foe.

IV

Let ev'ry age and nation raise
A long succession of thy praise ;
And unborn ages make our song
The joy and labour of their tongue.

V

But who can speak thy won'drous deeds ?
Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds !
Vast and unsearchable thy ways,
Vast and immortal be thy praise.

PRAISE THE PECULIAR DUTY OF MAN.

I

LORD of the world's majestic frame !
Stupendous are thy ways ;
Thy various works declare thy name,
And all resound thy praise.

II

While all the radiant orbs of light,
That shine from pole to pole,
In silent harmony unite
To praise thee as they roll ;

III

O ! shall not we of human race
The glorious concert join ?
Shall not the children of thy grace
Attempt the theme divine ?

IV

Not all the feeble notes of time
Can show forth GOD'S high praise ;
Nor all the noblest strains sublime
That earth or heav'n can raise.

V

Yet this shall be our best employ,
Through life's uncertain days ;
And in the realms of boundless joy,
Eternal be thy praise !

PRAISE TO GOD.

I

SING to the LORD with joyful voice ;
Let ev'ry land his name adore :
Ye favour'd British isles ! rejoice,
And sound his praise from shore to shore.

II

Nations, attend before his throne
With solemn fear, with sacred joy :
Know that the LORD is GOD alone ;
He can create, and he destroy.

III

We are the people of his care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame :
What lasting honours shall we rear,
Almighty maker ! to thy name ?

IV

We'll sing thy love in thankful songs ;
High as the heav'ns our voices raise ;
And earth, with her unnumber'd tongues,
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

V

Wide as the world is thy command !
Vast as eternity thy love !
Firm as a rock thy truth will stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

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THE SAME.

I

GREATEST of beings, source of life,
 Sov'reign of air, and earth, and sea!
 All nature feels thy pow'r; and all
 A silent homage pay to thee.

II

Rais'd by thy hand, the morning sun
 Pours forth to thee its earlier rays,
 And spreads thy glories as it climbs;
 While raptur'd worlds look up and praise.

III

The moon, to the deep shades of night,
 Speaks the mild lustre of thy name;
 While all the stars, that cheer the scene,
 Thee, the great LORD of light, proclaim.

IV

And groves, and vales, and rocks, and hills,
 And ev'ry flow'r, and ev'ry tree;
 Millions of creatures warm with life,
 Have each a grateful song to thee.

V

But man was form'd to rise to heav'n;
 And, blest with reason's clearer light,
 He, through his works, his maker views
 And glows with rapture at the sight.

PRAISE TO GOD FROM THE HEAVENLY BODIES.

I

THE spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.

II

Th' unwearied sun from day to day
Doth his creator's pow'r display;
And publishes to ev'ry land
The work of an almighty hand.

III

Soon as the ev'ning shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale;
And nightly to the list'ning earth
Repeats the story of her birth.:

IV

Whilst all the stars which round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

V

In reason's ear these all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice;
For ever singing, as they shine,
"The hand which made us is divine."

PRAISE TO GOD, THE CREATOR.

I

YE nations round the earth, rejoice
Before the LORD, your sov'reign king:
Serve him with cheerful heart and voice;
With all your tongues his glories sing.

II

The LORD is GOD: 'tis he alone
Doth life, and breath, and being give:
We are his work, and not our own;
The sheep that on his pastures live.

III

Enter his doors with songs of joy,
With praises to his courts repair:
And make it your divine employ
To pay your thanks and honours there.

IV

The LORD is good; the LORD is kind;
Great is his love, his mercy sure:
And the whole race of man will find
His truth, from age to age, endure.

THE SAME.

I

GREAT first of beings ! mighty LORD
Of all this wondrous frame !
Produc'd by thy creating word,
The world from nothing came.

II

Thy voice sent forth the high command ;
'Twas instantly obey'd :
And through thy goodness all things stand,
Which by thy pow'r were made.

III

Thy glories shine throughout the whole,
Each part reflects thy light :
By thee, in course, the planets roll,
And day succeeds the night.

IV

By thee, the sun dispenses heat,
And beams of cheering day :
The distant stars in order set,
By night, thy pow'r display.

V

By thee, the earth its produce yields,
And countless myriads live ;
And trees and plants adorn the fields,
And their rich treasure give.

THE SAME.

I.

ALMIGHTY GOD! thy pow'rful word
 From nothing all things brought:
 Earth, seas, and skies, by thee, their LORD,
 With skill divine were wrought.

II

By thee preserv'd, the world remains
 A proof of pow'r divine:
 Whatever this great whole contains,
 By sov'reign right is thine.

III

Sun, moon, and stars thy views fulfil;
 Through thee each planet rolls:
 Earth, seas, and skies obey thy will;
 Thy power the world controls.

IV

Thou, over all, art LORD supreme,
 All things from thee derive:
 No creature can dispute thy claim,
 Or independent live.

V

To thine all-gracious pow'r we bow;
 Our wills to thee resign:
 Accept the praise; accept the vow;
 We wou'd be ever thine.

THANKS TO GOD FOR CREATION AND PRESERVATION.

I.

THOU pow'r supreme, by whose command I
live !

The grateful tribute of my praise receive :
To thy indulgence I my being owe,
And all the joys which from that being flow.

II

A mind, susceptible of endless joy,
Whose frame nor force, nor time, shall e'er
destroy ;
Which shall survive, tho' nature claim my
breath,
And bid defiance to the call of death ;

III

To realms of bliss with active freedom soar,
And live, when earth and skies shall be no
more :

Author of life ! in vain my tongue essays
For this immortal gift to speak thy praise.

IV

How shall my heart its grateful sense reveal,
Where all the energy of words must fail ?
O may its influence in my life appear,
And ev'ry action prove my thanks sincere !

THE WISDOM OF GOD IN HIS WORKS.

I.

Songs of immortal praise belong
To thee, almighty GOD !
To thee are due our heart, our tongue,
To spread thy name abroad.

II

How great the works which thou hast
wrought !
How glorious in our sight !
And men, in ev'ry age, have sought
Thy wonders with delight.

III

How most correct is nature's frame !
How wise th' eternal mind !
Thy counsels never change the scheme
That thy first thoughts design'd.

IV

Nature and time, and earth and skies
Thy heav'nly skill proclaim :
What shall we do to make us wise,
But learn to know thy name ?

V

To fear thy pow'r, to trust thy grace,
Is our divinest skill ;
And he's the wisest of our race
That best obeys thy will.

THE SAME.

I

GREAT GOD! the heav'ns' well order'd frame
Declares the glories of thy name ;

There thy rich works of wonder shine :
A thousand starry beauties there,
A thousand radiant marks appear,
Of boundless pow'r and skill divine.

II

From night to day, from day to night,
The dawning and the dying light,

Lectures of heav'nly wisdom read :
With silent eloquence they raise
Our thoughts to the creator's praise,
And neither sound nor language need.

III

Where'er the sun beams forth abroad,
He smiles and speaks his maker, GOD ;

All nature joins to show thy praise .
Thy glories through creation shine :
LORD ! we confess the work divine,
And songs of cheerful homage raise.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

I

GREAT GOD ! how wondrous are thy ways !
How firm thy truth ! how large thy love !
Thou takest mercy for thy throne,
And thence dost make thy kindness known.

II

Not half so high GOD'S pow'r hath spread
The starry heav'ns above our head,
As his great love exceeds our praise,
Exceeds the highest hopes we raise.

III

Not half so far his pow'r hath plac'd
The rising morning from the west,
As his forgiving love removes
The causeless fears of those he loves.

IV

Thou, mighty GOD ! the wise, the just !
Know'st that our frame is feeble dust ;
And wilt no heavy load impose
Beyond the strength that thou bestow'st.

V

Thy constant love, O GOD ! is sure,
To all thy creatures 'twill endure ;
From age to age, that love will reign ;
Nor children's children hope in vain.

GOD OUR FATHER AND OUR FRIEND:

I

ALMIGHTY GOD! we all depend
On thy paternal care:
Thou wilt our father, and our friend,
In ev'ry scene appear.

II

With open hand, and lib'ral heart,
Thou wilt our wants supply;
Thy heav'nly blessings still impart,
And no good thing deny.

III

Thou knowest what is good and fit,
And wisdom guides thy love;
To thine appointments we submit,
And ev'ry choice approve.

IV

In thy paternal love and care
Our cheerful hearts confide;
Thy mercies all our comfort are,
Thy wisdom is our guide.

V

Almighty God! we all depend
On thy paternal care;
Thou wilt our father, and our friend,
In ev'ry scene appear.

PRAISE TO GOD FOR ALL HIS MERCIES.

I

O PRAISE the LORD, our souls !
Let all within us join,
And aid our tongues, to praise his name,
Whose favours are divine.

II

O praise the LORD, our souls !
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.

III

'Tis he forgives our sins ;
'Tis he relieves our pain ;
'Tis he who heals our sicknesses,
And gives us health again.

IV

He fills the poor with good ;
He gives the suff'ers rest :
His justice shall oppressors find,
His mercy the opprest.

V

He who preserves from death,
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save :
He crowns our future lives with love,
When raised from the grave.

THE SAME.

I

GIVE thanks to GOD ; he reigns above ;
Kind are his thoughts, his name is love :
His mercy, ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own.

II

He feeds and clothes us ev'ry day,
He guides our footsteps lest we stray ;
He guards us with a pow'rful hand,
And brings us to the heav'nly land.

III

O let us joyfully record
The truth and goodness of the LORD !
How great his works ! how kind his ways !
Let ev'ry tongue pronounce his praise.

THE SAME.

I

O THOU ! the wretched's sure retreat,
Who dost our cares control,
And with the cheerful smile of peace
Revive the fainting soul !

II

Did ever thine indulgent ear
The humble plea disdain ?
Or when did plaintive mis'ry sigh,
Or supplicate, in vain ?

III

New life from thy unbounded love
Our sinking hearts receive ;
Thy gentlest, kindest attribute,
To pity and forgive.

IV

From that blest source, propitious hope
Appears serenely bright,
And sheds her soft and cheering beam
O'er sorrow's dismal night.

V

Our hearts adore thy mercy, LORD !
And bless the friendly ray,
Which ushers in the smiling morn
Of everlasting day.

THE KINDNESS AND MERCY OF GOD.

I

LET ev'ry tongue thy goodness speak,
Thou sov'reign LORD of all!
Thy strength'ning hands uphold the weak,
And raise the poor that fall.

II

When sorrow bows the spirit down,
Or virtue lies distrest
Beneath some proud oppressor's frown,
Thou giv'st the suff'ers rest.

III

Thy love supports our aged days,
And guides our thoughtless youth;
Holy and just are all thy ways,
And all thy words are truth.

IV

Thou know'st the pains thy servants feel;
Thou hear'st thy children's cry;
And their best wishes to fulfil
Thou art for ever nigh.

V

Thy mercy never will remove
From men of heart sincere:
From those, whose fervent humble love
Is join'd with holy fear.

THE COMPASSION OF GOD TO HUMAN FRAILTY.

I

LORD ! we adore thy wondrous name,
And make that name our trust,
Which rais'd at first this curious frame
From mean and lifeless dust.

II

Awhile these frail machines endure,
The fabric of a day ;
Then know their vital pow'rs no more,
But moulder back to clay.

III

Yet, LORD ! whate'er is felt or fear'd,
This thought is our repose,
That he, by whom this frame was rear'd,
Its various frailties knows.

IV

Gently supported by thy love,
We tend to realms of peace ;
Where ev'ry pain shall far remove,
And ev'ry frailty cease.

GOD OUR CONSTANT BENEFCTOR.

I

GREAT GOD! to thee our grateful tongues
United thanks shall raise :
Inspire our hearts to tune the songs,
Which celebrate thy praise.

II

From thine almighty forming hand
We drew our vital pow'rs ;
Our time revolves, at thy command,
In all its circling hours.

III

Thy pow'r, our ever-present guard,
From ev'ry ill defends ;
While num'rous dangers hover round,
Our help from thee descends.

IV

Beneath the shadow of thy wings
How sweet is our repose ;
The morning light renews the springs
From whence our comfort flows.

V

In celebration of thy praise,
We will employ our breath :
And, walking stedfast in thy ways,
Will triumph ev'n in death.

C

THE INCOMPREHENSIBILITY OF GOD.

I

CAN creatures, to perfection, find
Th' eternal, uncreated mind ?
Or can the largest stretch of thought
Measure and search his nature out ?

II

GOD is a king of pow'r unknown ;
Firm are the orders of his throne :
If he resolve, who dare oppose,
Or ask him why, or what he does ?

III

He wounds the heart, and he makes whole ;
He calms the tempest of the soul :
When he afflicts with long despair,
Who else can move the heavy bar ?

IV

He frowns, and darkness veils the moon,
The fainting sun grows dim at noon :
The pillars of heav'n's starry roof
Tremble and shake at his reproof.

V

These are a portion of GOD's ways !
But who his power can describe ?
Who can endure his light ; or stand
The thunders of his awful hand ?

THE SAME.

I

LEAST GOD ! in vain man's narrow view
tempts to look thy nature through :
Our lab'ring pow'rs with reverence own
thy glories never can be known.

II

At the high seraph's mighty thought,
Who countless years his GOD has sought,
Which wondrous height or depth can find,
Nor fully trace thy boundless mind.

III

Meet, LORD, thy kindness deigns to show
Enough for mortal minds to know ;
While wisdom, goodness, pow'r divine,
Thro' all thy works and conduct shine.

IV

! may our joyous hearts survey
The gracious tenor of thy way ;
Explore thy sacred word, and still
Press on to know and do thy will !

THE OMNISCIENCE OF GOD.

I

LORD! thou hast search'd and seen us thro';
Thine eye commands, with piercing view,
Our waking and our sleeping hours,
Our heart and mind, with all their pow'rs.

II

Our thoughts, before they are our own,
Are to our GOD distinctly known :
Thou know'st the words we mean to speak,
Ere from our op'ning lips they break.

III

Within thy circling pow'r we stand ;
On ev'ry side we find thy hand :
Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
We are surrounded still with GOD.

IV

Amazing knowledge! vast and great!
What large extent! what lofty height!
Our minds, with all the pow'rs they boast,
Are in the boundless prospect lost.

V

O may these thoughts possess our breast,
Where'er we rove, where'er we rest!
Nor let our weaker passions dare
Consent to sin,—for GOD is there.

THE OMNISCIENCE AND OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD.

I

FATHER of all ! omniscient mind !
Thy wisdom who can comprehend ?
Its highest point what eye can find,
Or to its lowest depths descend ?

II

What cavern deep, what hill sublime,
Beyond thy reach, shall I pursue ?
What dark recess, what distant clime,
Shall hide me from thy boundless view ?

III

Thee, mighty God ! my wond'ring soul,
Thee, all her conscious pow'rs adore ;
Whose being circumscribes the whole,
Whose eyes the universe explore.

IV

Thine essence fills this breathing frame,
It glows in ev'ry vital part ;
Lights up my mind with livelier flame,
And feeds with life my beating heart.

V

To thee, from whom my being came,
Whose smile is all the heav'n I know !
Inspir'd with this exalted theme,
To thee my grateful strains shall flow.

THE ETERNITY OF GOD.

I

THOU didst, eternal GOD ! exist
Ere time began his race ;
Before the ample elements
Fill'd up the voids of space.

II

Before the pond'rous earthly globe
In fluid air was stay'd ;
Before the ocean's mighty springs
Their liquid stores display'd :

III

Ere thro' the gloom of ancient night
The streaks of light appear'd ;
Before the high celestial arch
Or starry poles were rear'd :

IV

Before the bright, harmonious spheres
Their glorious rounds begun ;
Before the shining roads of heav'n
Were measur'd by the sun :

V

Ere men ador'd, or angels knew,
Or prais'd thy wondrous name ;
Thy bliss, O sacred spring of life !
And glory were the same.

THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD.

I

THROUGH endless years thou art the same,
O thou eternal GOD!
Ages to come shall know thy name,
And tell thy works abroad.

II

The strong foundations of the earth
Of old by thee were laid ;
By thee the beauteous arch of heav'n
With matchless skill was made.

III

Soon shall this goodly frame of things,
Form'd by thy pow'rful hand,
Be, like a vesture, laid aside,
And chang'd at thy command.

IV

But thy perfections, all divine,
Eternal as thy days,
Through everlasting ages shine,
With undiminish'd rays.

V

Thy servants' children, still thy care,
Shall own their fathers' GOD ;
To latest times thy favour share,
And spread thy praise abroad.

THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

I

DEAR is the mem'ry of thy love,
O GOD ! our heav'nly king ;
Let age to age thy righteousness
In songs of triumph sing.

II

Thou reign'st on high, but not confin'st
Thy goodness to the skies ;
Thro' the whole earth thy bounty shines,
And ev'ry want supplies.

III

Their suppli'nt eyes thy creatures raise
To thee, for daily food ;
Thy hand the wish'd-for food conveys,
And all are blest with good.

IV

How kind are thy compassions, LORD !
How slow thine anger moves !
But swiftly flies thy pard'ning word
To cheer the soul thou lov'st.

V

All nature, through its boundless space,
Utters a grateful voice ;
But those who taste thy greater love
In highest strains rejoice.

THE DAILY GOODNESS OF GOD.

I

GREAT GOD ! how endless is thy love !
Thy gifts are ev'ry morning new ;
And daily mercies from above
Gently distil, like early dew.

II

Thou spreadst the curtains of the night,
Great guardian of our sleeping hours !
Thy sov'reign word restores the light,
And quickens all our drowsy pow'rs.

III

We yield our pow'rs to thy command ;
To thee we consecrate our days :
Perpetual blessings from thine hand
Demand perpetual songs of praise.

THE UNBOUNDED GOODNESS OF GOD.

I

GIVE to our GOD immortal praise ;
Mercy and truth are all his ways ;
Abounding love to GOD belongs ;
Repeat his mercies in our songs !

II

He built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fix'd the starry lights on high :
He gave the sun his morning light ;
He bade the moon direct the night.

III

Messiah came with pow'r to save
From guilt, and darkness, and the grave :
Abounding love to GOD belongs ;
Repeat his mercies in our songs !

IV

Through this vain world he guides our feet,
And leads us to his heav'nly seat ;
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more.

THE DISTINGUISHED GOODNESS OF GOD TO MAN.

I

THY wisdom, pow'r and goodness, LORD !
In all thy works appear ;
But most thy praise shall man record,
Man, thy distinguish'd care.

II

From thee the breath of life he drew,
That breath thy power maintains ;
Thy tender mercy, ever new,
His brittle frame sustains.

III

Thy providence, his constant guard
When threat'ning ills impend,
Or will th' impending dangers ward,
Or timely succours lend.

IV

Yet nobler favours claim his praise,
Of reason's light possess ;
By revelation's brighter rays
Still more divinely blest.

V

All-bounteous LORD ! thy mind impart :
O ! teach me to improve
Thy gifts with ever grateful heart,
And crown them with thy love.

GOD'S UNIVERSAL CARE AND GOODNESS.

I

VAST are thy works, almighty LORD !
All nature rests upon thy word !
Thy glories in thy heav'ns we see,
And the whole earth is full of thee.

II

The various tribes of creatures stand,
Waiting their portion from thy hand ;
And man and beast, and fish and worm,
Rejoice and praise in different form.

III

But, when thy face is hid, they mourn,
And, dying, to their dust return ;
Both man and beast their lives resign ;
For life and being, all are thine.

IV

Yet thou canst breathe on dust again,
Raise a new race of beasts and men ;
A word of thy creating breath
Repairs the wastes of time and death.

V

Thy hand in all, o GOD ! we see ;
The universe is full of thee :
Thy praises shall our breath employ ;
Thy praise be our sublimest joy.

THE GREATNESS AND GOODNESS OF GOD.

I

LONG as we live, we 'll bless thy name,
Great king ! and GOD of love !
Our work and joy shall be the same,
In the bright world above.

II

THOU, LORD, art great, thy pow'r unknown,
And let thy praise be great :
We 'll sing the honours of thy throne,
'Thy works of love repeat.

III

Thy praise shall dwell upon our tongues ;
And while our lips rejoice,
They who shall hear our sacred songs,
Shall join their cheerful voice.

IV

Fathers to sons shall teach thy name,
And children learn thy ways :
Ages to come thy truth proclaim,
And nations sound thy praise.

V

The world is govern'd by thy hands,
Thy people rul'd by love :
And thine eternal kingdom stands,
Though rocks and hills remove.

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY, AND GOODNESS TO MAN.

I.

O LORD ! our heav'nly king !
Thy name is all divine :
Thy glories round the earth are spread,
And o'er the heav'ns they shine.

II

When to thy works on high
We raise our wond'ring eyes,
And see the moon, complete in light,
Adorn the darksome skies :

III

When we survey the stars,
And all their shining forms ;
LORD ! what is man ?—of mortal race,
Akin to dust and worms !

IV

What is the son of man,
That he should share thy love ;
That on his head thy love shou'd show'r
Rich blessings from above ?

V

O LORD ! our heav'nly king !
Thy name is all divine ;
Thy glories round the earth are spread,
And o'er the heav'ns they shine.

ASSURANCE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

I

RT thou not with us, gracious LORD !
To dissipate our fear ?
hou dost proclaim thyself our GOD,
Our GOD, for ever near !

II

hy pow'r supreme, which form'd the earth,
And bears up all the skies,
xerts for all its friendly aid,
When dangers round us rise.

III

hou dost a father's bowels feel
For all the sons of men ;
nd in most tender accents speak
To sooth their sad complaints.

IV

n this support we all shall lean,
And banish ev'ry care ;
he gloomy vale of death shall smile
If thou be with us there.

V

hile we thy gracious succour prove
'Midst all our various ways,
he darkest shades thro' which we pass,
Shall echo with thy praise.

GOD'S INFLUENCE AND MAN'S RESIGNATION.

I

Thy influence, mighty GOD ! is felt
Through nature's ample round ;
In heaven, on earth, through air and skies
Thine energy is found.

II

That sacred influence, LORD ! we need
To form ourselves anew ;
O cleanse our hearts from ev'ry sin,
And thy salvation shew !

III

Father of lights ! assistance grant
To guide our doubtful way ;
Thy truth shall scatter ev'ry cloud,
And make a glorious day.

IV

Supported by thy heav'nly aid,
We'll do and bear thy will ;
Thy love shall make each burthen light,
And ev'ry murmur still.

V

Cheer'd by thy smiles, we'll fearless tread
The gloomy paths of death ;
And, with the hopes of endless bliss,
Resign, to thee, our breath.

THE UNSEARCHABLE DEGREES OF PROVIDENCE.

I

LORD ! how mysterious are thy ways !
How blind are we ! how mean our praise !
Thy steps no mortal can explore,
'Tis ours, to wonder and adore.

II

Great GOD ! we would not ask to see
What in futurity shall be :
If light and bliss attend our days,
Then let our future hours be praise.

III

Is darkness and distress our share ?
Then let us trust thy guardian care :
Enough for us, if love divine
At length through ev'ry cloud shall shine.

VI

Yet this we do desire to know,
Be this our only wish below,
"That we are thine,!"—This great request
Grant, bounteous GOD!—and we are blest.

THE ETERNAL DOMINION OF GOD.

I.

GREAT GOD ! how infinite art thou !
How frail and weak are we !
Let ev'ry rank of being bow,
And sing their praise to thee.

II

Nature and time all open lie
To thine immense survey,
From the formation of the sky,
To the last awful day.

III

Eternity, with all its years,
Stands present in thy view ;
To thee there's nothing old appears ;
Great GOD ! there's nothing new.

IV

Our lives thro' various scenes are drawn,
And vex'd with trifling cares,
While thine eternal thought moves on
Thine undisturb'd affairs.

V

Great GOD ! how infinite art thou !
How frail and weak are we !
Let ev'ry rank of being bow,
And sing their praise to thee.

THE MORAL GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

I

Th' almighty reigns, exalted high,
O'er all the earth, o'er all the sky !
Though clouds and darkness veil his throne,
Still all his ways and truth are known.

II

O ye who love his holy name !
Hate ev'ry work of sin and shame :
He guards the hearts of all his friends,
And from the snares of vice defends.

III

Immortal light, and joys unknown,
By his almighty arm are sown :
The glorious seeds shall spring and rise,
And the bright harvest bless our eyes.

IV

Rejoice, ye righteous ! and record
The sacred honours of the LORD :
For none but he who knows his love,
Can triumph in his holiness.

THE STABILITY OF THE DIVINE GOVERNMENT.

I

JEHOVAH reigns : the king of kings
Assumes his robes of glorious light :
Tremble thou earth ! when he appears
Array'd in majesty and might.

II

Under his rule th' unquiet world
Shall gain stability and peace ;
Of old his empire did begin,
And, like himself, can never cease.

III

In vain the world's rebellious pow'rs
In tumult and commotion rise,
Like troubl'd waters of the sea,
To bid defiance to the skies.

IV

Resist not his unequall'd strength ;
He's far above your angry noise ;
For ev'n the sea's unruly waves
Do calmly listen to his voice.

V

LORD, as thy pow'r can never fail,
So all thy promises are sure :
'Tis thy perfection to be true,
And theirs that serve thee to be pure.

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.

I

OUR never-ceasing songs shall show
The mercies of the LORD ;
And make succeeding ages know
That faithful is his word.

II

The sacred truths his lips pronounce,
Shall firm as heav'n endure ;
And if he make a promise once,
Th' eternal word is sure.

III

His cov'nant he will ne'er revoke,
But keep his word in mind ;
And what eternal love hath spoke,
Eternal truth will bind.

IV

His faithful servants shall possess
A seat above the skies ;
The meanest subject of his love
Shall to that glory rise.

V

GREAT GOD of heav'n ! thy wond'rous ways
Are sung in worlds above ;
And men on earth their voices raise
To thine unchanging love.

THE EQUITY OF THE DIVINE DISPENSATIONS.

I

FATHER of men ! who can complain
Under thy mild and equal reign ?
Who does a weight of duty share
More than his aids and pow'rs can bear ?

II

With diff'ring climes and diff'ring lands,
With fruitful plains and barren sands,
Thy hand hath form'd this earthly round,
And to each nation set its bound.

III

With like variety thy ray
Here sheds a full, there fainter day ;
While all are in their measure show'd
The way to happiness and god.

IV

O the abounding love which brought
To us, the words by Jesus taught !
So blest and with such hopes inspir'd,
How much is giv'n, how much requir'd !

GOD THE REFUGE OF HIS SERVANTS.

I

How are thy servants blest, O LORD!
How sure is their defence!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help, omnipotence.

II

In foreign realms, and lands remote,
Supported by thy care,
They pass unhurt, through burning climes,
And breathe in tainted air.

III

Thy mercy sweetens ev'ry soil,
Makes ev'ry region please;
The hoary frozen hills it warms,
And smoothes the boist'rous seas.

IV

In midst of dangers, fears, and death,
Thy goodness we'll adore;
And praise thee for thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

V

Our life, whilst thou preserv'st that life,
Thy sacrifice shall be;
And, O may death! when death shall come,
Unite us, LORD! to thee.

GOD OUR PORTION HERE AND HEREAFTER.

I

God ! our support and only hope,
Our help for ever near !
Thy mercy keeps our spirits up
In all we see or fear.

II

Thy counsels, LORD ! shall guide our feet
Through this dark wilderness ;
Thine hand conduct us near thy scat,
To dwell before thy face.

III

No blessing equal to thy love
We through creation see :
On earth beneath, in heav'n above,
Whom have we, LORD ! but thee ?

IV

The man, who far from thee removes,
Shall find his comforts die ;
Not all the vanities he loves
Can peace or hope supply.

V

But to draw near, my GOD ! to thee,
Will prove our best employ ;
In life our sweetest pleasure be,
In death our only joy.

RELIGIOUS REVERENCE AND OBEDIENCE.

I

With ardour I'll thy favour seek ;
O let me never stray
From thy commands, O GOD of love !
Nor tread the sinner's way.

II

Thy word I'll store within my heart,
To keep my mind serene,
And be an everlasting guard
From ev'ry rising sin.

III

My heart, with sacred rev'rence, hears
The threat'nings of thy word ;
My anxious mind, with trembling, fears
Thy judgments, O my LORD.

IV

O GOD ! resign'd, I'll hope and wait
For thy salvation still ;
While thy whole law is my delight,
And I obey thy will.

RESIGNATION TO AND RELIANCE UPON GOD.

I

WHATE'ER thy providence denies
I calmly would resign,
For thou art just, and good, and wise :
O bend my will to thine !

II

Whate'er thy sov'reign will ordains,
O give me strength to bear ;
Still let me know a father reigns,
And trust a father's care.

III

If pain and sickness rend this frame,
And life almost depart ;
Is not thy mercy still the same
To cheer my drooping heart ?

IV

Thy ways, great GOD ! are little known
To my weak erring sight ;
Yet shall my heart, believing, own
That all thy ways are right.

V

My GOD ! my father ! blissful name !
Beyond expression dear !
If thou accept my humble claim,
I take my leave of fear.

ACQUIESCENCE IN THE WILL OF GOD.

I

AUTHOR of good, we rest on thee :
Thine ever watchful eye
Alone our real wants can see,
Thy hand alone supply.

II

O! let thy fear within us dwell,
Thy love our footsteps guide ;
That love shall vainer loves expel,
That fear, all fears beside.

III

And when, by passion's force misled,
Too oft, by stubborn will,
We blindly shun the latent good,
And grasp the specious ill :

IV

Not what we wish, but what we want,
Let mercy still supply ;
The good unask'd, o father ! grant ;
The ill, though ask'd, deny.

SUBMISSION TO GOD.

I

O LORD ! my best desires fulfil,
And help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort, to thy will,
And make thy pleasure mine.

II

Why should I shrink at thy command,
Whose love forbids my fears ;
Or tremble at thy gracious hand,
That wipes away my tears ?

III

No, let me rather freely yield ,
What most I prize, to thee ;
Who never hast a good withheld,
Or wilt withhold from me.

IV

Wisdom and mercy guide my way ;
Shall I resist them both ?
Short-sighted creature of a day,
And crush'd before the moth !

V

But ah ! my heart within me cries,
Still bind me to thy sway ;
Else the next cloud that veils the skies
Drives all these thoughts away.

GRATITUDE TO GOD.

I

WHEN all thy mercies, o my GOD !
My reas'ning mind surveys ;
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

II

Thy providence my life sustain'd,
And all my wants redress'd,
Ere yet my feeble thoughts had learnt
To form themselves in pray'r.

III

Unnumber'd comforts on my head
Thy tender care bestow'd,
Before my infant-heart conceiv'd
From whence those comforts flow'd.

IV

When in the slipp'ry paths of youth
With heedless step I ran,
Thine arm, unseen, convey'd me safe,
And led me up to man.

V

Thro' hidden dangers, toils and deaths,
It gently clear'd my way ;
Ev'n through the pleasing snares of vice,
More to be fear'd than they.

THE SAME.—(CONTINUED)

I

O how shall words, with equal warmth
The gratitude declare,
That glows within my 'raptur'd heart!
But thou canst read it there.

II

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least, a cheerful heart,
Which tastes those gifts with joy.

III

Through ev'ry period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue;
And, after death, in unknown worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

IV

When nature fails, and day and night
Divide thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O LORD!
Thy mercy shall adore.

V

Through all eternity to thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
For oh! eternity alone
Can utter all thy praise.

THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS.

I

GREAT GOD ! our joyful thanks to thee
Shall, like thy gifts, continual be :
In constant streams thy bounty flows,
Nor end, nor intermission knows.

II

Thy kindness ev'ry want relieves,
Thy kindness ev'ry comfort gives ;
Nor can we ever, LORD ! be poor,
Who live on thine exhaustless store,

III

If, what we ask thy will denies,
'Tis because thou art good and wise :
Afflictions, which may make us mourn,
Thou can'st, thou dost to blessings turn.

IV

Deep, LORD ! upon our thankful breast,
Let all thy favours be imprest ;
That we may never more forget
The whole, or any single debt.

V

May we, with grateful hearts, each day,
For daily gifts, our praises pay,
Delighted may we always be,
And thanks for all things give to thee.

RELIGIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

I

O ! THAT thy statutes ev'ry hour
Might dwell upon my mind !
Thence shou'd I feel a quick'ning pow'r,
And daily peace shou'd find.

II

To meditate thy precepts, LORD !
Shall be my chief employ ;
I never will forget thy word,
But make it all my joy.

III

Fain would I run in thy commands,
If thou my heart discharge
From each bad passion's hateful bands,
And set my feet at large.

IV

My lips, with courage, shall declare
Thy statutes and thy name,
Whatever loss, or scorn, I bear ;
Nor yield to fear, or shame.

V

Let those depart, who wish to draw
My hand or heart to ill ;
I'll keep my maker's holy law,
And bow to all his will.

CONFIDENCE IN THE DIVINE PROTECTION.

I

THE LORD my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care ;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye ;
My noon-day walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

II

When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or, on the thirsty mountains pant ;
To fertile vales and dewy meads,
My weary, wand'ring steps he leads,
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amidst the verdant landscape flow,

III

Though in a bare and rugged way,
Through devious lonely wilds I stray ;
His presence shall my pains beguile,
The barren wilderness shall smile,
With sudden greens and herbage crown'd ;
And streams shall murmur all around.

IV

Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread ;
My stedfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou, O LORD ! art with me still ;
Thy friendly hand shall give me aid,
And guide me through the awful shade.

MAN MORTAL, AND GOD ETERNAL.

I

THROUGH ev'ry age, eternal GOD!
Thou art our rest, our safe abode ;
High was thy throne ere heav'n was made,
Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid.

II

Long hadst thou reign'd ere time began,
Or dust was fashion'd into man ;
And long thy kingdom shall endure,
When earth and time shall be no more.

III

With thee a thousand years amount
Not to a day in our account,
Like yesterday's departed light,
Or, an unnoticed watch of night.

IV

Ah ! what is life in all its pride ?
A rapid year, an ebbing tide ;
A winter's gleam, a morning flow'r
That fades and withers in an hour.

V

Teach us, O LORD ! how frail is man !
And kindly lengthen out our span ;
Till, form'd by wisdom, we shall be
Prepar'd to die, and dwell with thee.

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THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST. ,

I

HARK! the glad tidings! Jesus comes;
Messiah promis'd long :
Let ev'ry heart a throne prepare,
And every voice a song !

II

On him the spirit, largely shed;
Exerts its sacred fire :
Wisdom and pow'r, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.

III

He comes, from galling chains of vice, :
To free the captive mind ;
He comes to pour the cheering light
Of truth upon the mind.

IV

He comes with blessings for the meek,
The broken heart to cure ;
And, with the treasures of his love,
T' enrich the humble poor.

V

Glory to GOD ! who reigns on high,
And heav'nly peace on earth ;
Good will to man, to angels joy,
At the messiah's birth.



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CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

I

BEHOLD! the prince of peace!
The chosen of the LORD!
God's well-beloved son! fulfil
The sure prophetic word.

II

No royal pomp adorns
This king of righteousness;
Meekness and patience, truth and love
Compose his princely dress.

III

Jesus, the light of men!
His doctrine life imparts;
O! may we feel its quick'ning pow'r
To warm and glad our hearts!

IV

Cheer'd by its beams, our lives
Shall speed the heav'nly way:
The path which Christ has mark'd and trod,
Will lead to endless day.

THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST.

I

Is then the gospel peace and love ?
So let our conversation be ;
The serpent blended with the dove,
Wisdom with meek simplicity.

II

Whene'er the angry passions rise,
And tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife,
On Jesus let us fix our eyes,
Bright pattern of the christian life !

III

O how benevolent and kind !
How mild ! how ready to forgive !
Be his, the temper of our mind,
And his, the rules by which we live.

IV

To do his heav'nly father's will,
Was his employment and delight :
Humility and holy zeal
Shone through his life divinely bright !

V

Dispensing good, where'er he came,
The labours of his life were love :
If then we love Christ's honour'd name,
Let his divine example move.

THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

I

MAKER ! and sov'reign LORD
Of heav'n, and earth, and seas !
Thy providence confirms thy word,
And answers thy decrees.

II

Why did the gentiles rage,
And jews, with one accord,
Bend all their counsels to destroy
Th' anointed of the LORD ?

III

Rulers and kings agree
To form a vain design ;
Against the LORD, their pow'rs unite,
Against his Christ, they join.

IV

The LORD derides their rage,
And will support his throne ;
He that hath rais'd him from the dead,
Hath own'd him for his son.

HOPE OF HEAVEN CONFIRMED BY THE RESURRECTION
OF CHRIST.

I

PRAIS'D be the everlasting GOD,
The father of our LORD !
Be thy abounding mercy prais'd,
Thy majesty ador'd !

II

When from the dead thou rais'dst thy son,
And call'dst him to the sky,
Thou gav'st us a more lively hope,
That we should never die.

III

What though thy uncontrol'd decree
Command us back to dust ;
Since Christ our great exemplar rose,
So all his followers must.

IV

There 's an inheritance divine
Reserv'd against that day ;
'Tis uncorrupted, undefil'd,
And cannot fade away.

V

We, by thy pow'r, O GOD ! are kept
Till this salvation come ;
We live in hope, as strangers here,
Till thou shalt call us home.

THE BOOK OF NATURE AND SCRIPTURE.

I

BEHOLD ! the lofty sky
Declares its maker, GOD ;
And all his starry works on high
Proclaim his pow'r abroad.

II

The darkness and the light
Still keep their course the same ;
While night to day, and day to night,
Divinely teach his name.

III

In ev'ry diff'rent land
Their gen'ral voice is known ;
They show the wonders of his hand,
And orders of his throne.

IV

Ye christian lands, rejoice !
To you his truth is giv'n ;
You are not left, from nature's voice
To learn the path to heav'n.

V

But boundless as thy love,
Such, LORD ! be our return ;
And ne'er, may we, thy truth corrupt,
Or, from thy precepts turn !

INSTRUCTION FROM SCRIPTURE.

I

How shall the young, O LORD! their hearts
And lives from sin secure?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience pure.

II

When once it enters in the mind,
It spreads such light abroad,
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to GOD.

III

'Tis like the sun, a heav'nly light,
That guides us all the day;
And, through the dangers of the night,
A lamp to light our way.

IV

Thy precepts make us truly wise,
The sinner's path to flee,
To check whate'er vain thoughts arise,
And walk, O GOD! with thee.

V

Thy word is everlasting truth,
How pure is ev'ry page!
Thy holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

INSTRUCTION AND CONSOLATION FROM SCRIPTURE.

I

LORD ! we have made thy word our choice,
Our lasting heritage ;
In this our noblest pow'rs rejoice,
Our warmest thoughts engage.

II

Thy precepts often we 'll survey,
And keep thy laws in sight,
Through all the bus'ness of the day,
To guide our actions right.

III

No treasures so enrich the mind ;
Nor shall thy word be sold
For loads of silver, well refin'd,
Or, heaps of choicest gold.

IV

'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
Where springs of life arise,
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies :

V

The best relief that mourners have,
It gives our sorrows ease ;
Extends our hope beyond the grave,
And gives eternal peace.

THE EXCELLENCE OF THE GOSPEL.

I

BEHOLD ! the morning sun
Begins his glorious way :
His beams through all the nations run,
And life and light convey !

II

But where GOD sends his word
He spreads diviner light ;
There sinners learn to know the LORD,
And guide their steps aright.

III

How perfect is thy word !
And all thy judgments just :
For ever sure thy promise, LORD,
Which we securely trust.

IV

O gracious GOD ! how plain
Are thy directions giv'n !
O ! may we never read in vain,
But find the path to heav'n !

V

While, with our heart and tongue,
We spread thy praise abroad ;
Accept the worship and the song,
Our father and our GOD !

THE BLESSINGS OF THE GOSPEL.

I

God, who, in various methods, told
His mind and will to men of old ;
By his beloved son, displays
His truth and love in latter days.

II

That sacred volume, which records
Jesus's character and laws,
We read ; and, in himself, is giv'n
The pledge of life, the hope of heav'n.

III

There, knowledge of the noblest kind
Expands and elevates the mind ;
The heav'nly doctrine, plain as true,
Instructs, reprove, and comforts too.

IV

O ! render thanks to GOD above,
For this best gift of his great love !
Let all mankind receive his word,
And ev'ry nation praise the LORD !

THE EXCELLENCE AND SUCCESS OF THE GOSPEL:

I

THE heav'ns declare thy glory, LORD !
In ev'ry star thy wisdom shines ;
But when our eyes behold thy word,
We read thy name in fairer lines.

II

Sun, moon, and stars, convey thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand ;
So when thy truth began its race,
It darted light on ev'ry land.

III

Thy richest mercy here we view,
In minds reform'd, and sins forgiv'n ;
LORD ! cleanse our sins, our lives renew,
And make thy word our guide to heav'n.

IV

Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest,
Till through the world thy truth has run ;
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light, or feel the sun.

THE LIGHT AND GLORY OF THE GOSPEL.

I

WHAT glory gilds the sacred page!
Majestic, like the sun,
It gives a light to ev'ry age,
It gives, but borrows none.

II

The hand that gave it, still supplies
His gracious light and heat;
His truths upon the nations rise,
They rise, but never set.

III

Let everlasting thanks be thine,
For such a bright display,
As makes a world of darkness shine
With beams of heav'nly day.

IV

My heart rejoices to pursue
The paths of truth and love;
Till glory breaks upon my view
In brighter worlds above.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

I

LET angry names no more
The christian world o'erspread ;
God's creatures all, both bond and free,
Are one in Christ, their head.

II

With christian men on earth
Let mutual love be found ;
Heirs of the same inheritance,
With mutual blessings crown'd.

III

Envy and strife, begone,
And only kindness known,
Where all one common father have,
One common master own.

IV

Thus will the church below
Resemble that above ;
Where springs of purest pleasure rise,
And every heart is love.

THE CHRISTIAN WARFARE.

I

**AWAKE ! my soul ! lift up thine eyes ;
See where thy foes against thee rise,
In long array, a num'rous host ;
Awake ! my soul ! or thou art lost !**

II

**Here, giant danger threat'ning stands,
Must'ring his pale terrific bands ;
There, pleasure's silken banners spread,
And willing souls are captive led.**

III

**See where rebellious passions rage,
And fierce desires and lusts engage ;
The meanest foe of all the train
Has thousands and ten thousands slain.**

IV

**Thou tread'st upon enchanted ground ;
Perils and snares beset thee round ;
Beware of all, guard ev'ry part,
But most, the traitor in thy heart.**

V

**Come then, my soul ! now learn to wield
The weight of thine immortal shield ;
Put on the armour from above
Of heav'nly truth, and heav'nly love.**

THE AGED CHRISTIAN'S PRAYER.

I

God of my childhood, and my youth !
The guide of all my days !
I have discern'd thy heav'nly truth,
And seen thy wondrous ways.

II

Wilt thou forsake my hoary hairs,
And leave my fainting heart ?
Who shall sustain my sinking years
If GOD, my strength, depart ?

III

Let me thy pow'r and truth proclaim
To the surviving age,
And teach them to revere thy name
When I shall quit the stage.

IV

The land of silence and of death
Awaits my next remove :
O ! may my last expiring breath
Declare thy boundless love !

HOPE AND RESIGNATION.

I

ON thee, o GOD ! we still depend,
Our father, and our constant friend ;
All that is good thou canst supply,
And put all threat'ning evil by.

II

Should ills of ev'ry kind invade,
We'll shelter seek beneath thy shade:
We'll trust to thy paternal care,
Nor want, nor harm, nor danger fear.

III

We'll still refer ourselves to thee,
And with our lot contented be ;
With one consenting heart and voice,
Approve our heav'nly father's choice.

IV

From earth we'll turn our longing eyes,
To regions far beyond the skies ;
O ! fit us for that blest abode,
Our loving father and our GOD !

HOPE OF IMMORTALITY.

I

THOSE happy realms of joy and peace
Fain would my heart explore ;
Where grief and pain for ever cease,
And I shall sin no more.

II

No darkness there shall cloud the eyes,
No languor seize the frame ;
But ever active vigour rise
To feed the vital flame.

III

But ah ! a dreary vale between
Extends its awful gloom :
Fear spreads the no far distant scene,
The horrors of the tomb.

IV

But thy blest word, and will divine,
Do pierce beyond the grave !
They show that friend, and call him mine,
Whose arm is strong to save !

V

Here will I fix, for life is here ;
Light breaks amid the gloom ;
Trust in JEHOVAH's love, nor fear
The horrors of the tomb.

DESIRE OF HOLINESS.

I

O! THAT the LORD would guide my ways,
To keep his statutes still !
O ! that my GOD would grant me help,
To know and do his will !

II

In deepest characters impress
Thy law upon my heart !
Nor let my tongue the truth transgress,
Nor act the sland'rer's part.

III

From vanity turn off mine eyes ;
Let no corrupt design,
Nor covetous desire, arise
Within this heart of mine.

IV

Assist my heart, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep ;
And, since I've not forgot thy way,
Restore thy wand'ring sheep.

V

Make me to walk in thy commands,
'Tis a delightful road ;
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my GOD.

DESIRE OF KNOWLEDGE.

I

THY mercies fill the earth, O LORD !
How good thy works appear !
Open our eyes to read thy word,
And see thy wonders there.

II

Our hearts were fashion'd by thy hand ;
Our service is thy due ;
O! make thy servants understand
The duties they must do.

III

Since we are strangers here below,
Let not our path be hid,
But mark the road that we should go,
And be our constant guide.

IV

If GOD to us his statutes shew,
And heav'nly truth impart,
His work for ever we'll pursue,
His law shall rule our heart.

V

And when we've learnt our father's will,
We'll teach the world his ways :
Our thankful lips, inspir'd with zeal,
Shall loud pronounce his praise.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

I

Blest are the undefil'd in heart,
Whose ways are right and clean ;
Who never from thy law depart,
But fly from ev'ry sin.

II

Blest are the men who keep thy word,
And practise thy commands :
With their whole heart they seek thee, LORD!
And serve thee with their hands.

III

Great is their peace who love thy law ;
How firm do they abide !
Nor can a strong temptation draw
Their steadiness aside.

IV

Then shall our hearts have inward joy,
And we be kept from shame,
When all thy statutes we obey,
And honour thy great name.

THE CHRISTIAN HAPPY IN DEATH.

I

HEAR what the voice from heav'n proclaims
For all the pious dead !
Sweet is the savour of their names,
And soft their sleeping bed.

II

They sleep in Jesus, and are bless'd :
How kind their slumbers are !
From suff'rings, and from sins, releas'd,-
And freed from ev'ry snare.

III

Far from this world of toil and strife,
They're safe in thee, O LORD !
The labours of their mortal life
Close in a large reward.

REFLECTIONS ON DEATH.

I

YET a few years, or days, perhaps,
Or moments pass in silent lapse,
And time to me shall be no more ;
No more the sun these eyes shall view ;
Earth o'er these limbs her dust shall strew,
And life's delusive dream be o'er.

II

Great GOD ! how awful is the scene !
A breath, a transient breath between ;
And can I trifle life away ?
To earth, alas ! too firmly bound,
Trees deeply rooted in the ground
Are shiver'd when they're torn away.

III

Yet, dumb with wonder, I behold
Man's thoughtless race, in error bold,
Forget or scorn the laws of death ;
With these no projects coincide,
Nor vows, nor toils, nor hopes, they guide ;
Each thinks he draws immortal breath.

IV

Great cause of all, above, below !
Who knows thee, must for ever know,
That thou'rt immortal and divine :
Thine image on my mind imprest
Of endless being is the test,
And bids eternity be mine.

THE WAY AND END OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

I

My god! the steps of pious men
Are order'd by thy will;
Though they should fall, they rise again;
Thy hand supports them still.

II

To see their ways, is thy delight;
Their virtues thou approv'st:
Thou 'lt ne'er deprive them of thy light,
Nor leave the men thou lov'st.

III

The heav'nly heritage is theirs,
Their portion and their home:
Thou keep'st them now, and mak'st them heirs
Of blessings long to come.

IV

Mark well, the man of righteousness;
His sev'ral steps attend;
True pleasure runs through all his ways,
And peaceful is his end.

LIVE THE PREPARATION FOR ETERNITY.

I

LIFE is the time to serve thee, LORD!
The time t' ensure thy great reward:
And, while the lamp holds out to burn,
To thee, the sinner may return.

II

Life is the hour, which thou hast giv'n,
To fit us for the joys of heav'n;
In time of trial, mortals may
Secure the blessings of the day.

III

The living know that they must die;
But all the dead forgotten lie:
They have no share in all that's done,
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

IV

There are no acts of pardon pass'd,
In the cold grave, to which we haste;
Oblivion, darkness, and despair
Still reign in gloomy silence there.

V

Then what our thoughts design to do,
May we, with all our might, pursue;
And, wisely, ev'ry hour employ,
Till faith and hope are lost in joy!

THE WISDOM OF EMPLOYING WELL OUR TIME.

I

God of eternity ! from thee
Did infant-time its being draw ;
Moments and days, and months and years
Revolve by thine unvaried law.

II

Silent, but fleet, they glide away ;
Steady and strong the current flows,
Lost in eternity's wide sea,
The boundless gulph, from which it rose.

III

With it, the thoughtless sons of men
Before the rapid stream are borne
On to their everlasting home,
That country, whence there's no return.

IV

Yet, while the shore on either side
Presents a gaudy flatt'ring show,
We gaze, in fond amazement lost,
Nor think, to what a world we go.

V

Great source of wisdom ! teach our hearts
To know the price of ev'ry hour ;
That time may bear us on to joys
Beyond its measure, and its pow'r.

THE SHORTNESS OF HUMAN LIFE.

I

THEE we adore, eternal GOD !
And humbly own to thee,
'That feeble is our mortal frame,
And short-liv'd creatures we.

II

Our wasting life grows shorter still,
As months and days increase ;
And ev'ry beating pulse we tell,
Still leaves the number less.

III

The year rolls round, and steals away
The breath, which first it gave ;
Where'er we are, whate'er we do,
We're trav'ling to the grave.

IV

Dangers stand thick through all the road,
To press us to the tomb ;
And fierce diseases wait around,
To hasten mortals home.

V

Let us then rouse our active pow'rs,
To walk this dang'rous road ;
That, when we're summon'd to depart,
We may be found with GOD.

THE UNCERTAINTY AND IMPORTANCE OF LIFE.

I

LORD! what a feeble frame is ours!
How vain a thing is man!
How frail are all our boasted powers!
At best, how short our span!

II

Swift as the feather'd arrow flies,
And parts the yielding air;
Or as a kindling meteor dies,
Ere it can well appear:

III

So pass our fleeting years away,
And time pursues its race:
In vain, we ask a moment's stay,
Nor will it slack its pace.

IV

Oh! make us truly wise to learn
How very frail we are;
That we may mind our grand concern,
And for our change prepare:

V

May think of death, and learn to die
To all inferior things;
Our constant thoughts still soaring, fly
Tow'rd's life's eternal springs.

THE VANITY OF HUMAN WISHES.

I

TEACH us the measure of our days,
Thou maker of our frame !
We would survey life's narrow space,
And learn how frail we are.

II

How short the span that we can boast !
A fleeting hour of time !
Man is but vanity and dust,
In all his flow'r and prime.

III

See the vain race of mortals move
Like shadows o'er the plain ;
They rage and strive, desire and love,
But all their effort's vain.

IV

What should we wish or wait for, then ;
From creatures, earth, and dust ?
They make our expectations vain,
And disappoint our trust.

V

Let us return to better things,
Our weak desires recall ;
Rise above earth on hope's strong wings,
And make our GOD, our all.

SHORTNESS AND UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE.

I

TO-MORROW, LORD ! is thine,
Lodg'd in thy sov'reign hand ;
And if its sun arise and shine,
It shines by thy command.

II

The present moment flies,
And bears our lives away ;
O ! make thy servants truly wise,
That they may live to-day.

III

Since on this winged hour
Eternity is hung,
Waken, by thine almighty pow'r,
The aged and the young.

IV

This, LORD ! demands our care ;
O be it still pursu'd !
Lest, slighted once, the season fair
Should never be renew'd.

EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY TREASURES COMPARED.

I

ALL mortal joys, how soon they fade!
How swift they pass away!
The dying flow'r reclines its head,
The beauty of a day.

II

Soon are those earthly treasures lost
We fondly call our own;
Scarce the possession can we boast,
When strait we find them gone.

III

But there are joys which cannot die,
With GOD laid up in store;
Treasures, beyond the changing sky,
Richer than golden ore.

IV

The seeds, which piety and love
Have scatter'd here below,
In the fair fertile fields above
To ample harvests grow.

THE WISE CHOICE.

I

BESET with snares on ev'ry hand,
In life's uncertain path we stand :
Father divine ! diffuse thy light
To guide our doubtful footsteps right.

II

Direct the frail and wav'ring heart
Wisely to choose the better part ;
To scorn the trifles of a day
For joys that never fade away.

III

Then let the wildest storms arise :
Let tempests mingle earth and skies ;
No fatal shipwreck shall we fear,
But all our treasures with us bear.

IV

If thou, o father ! still art nigh,
Cheerful we'll live, and joyful die :
Secure, when mortal comforts flee,
To find ten thousand worlds in thee.

HEAVEN THE ABODE OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

I

THE spacious earth is thine, O LORD!
It owes its being to thy word :
And fill'd with various good, thy love
Hath greatly bless'd it from above.

II

But there 's a brighter world on high,
Thy palace, LORD ! above the sky :
Who shall ascend that blest abode,
And dwell so near his maker, GOD ?

III

They who abhor and fear to sin,
Whose hearts are pure, whose hands are clean:
These shall our heav'nly father bless,
And clothe with robes of righteousness.

IV

Such are the men, the pious men,
Who, thy great favour strive to gain ;
Such shall enjoy the blissful sight,
And dwell in everlasting light.

A MORNING HYMN.

I

GOD of the morning ! at whose voice
The cheerful sun makes haste to rise,
And, rob'd in splendour, doth rejoice
To run his journey through the skies ;

II

Oh ! like the sun, may we fulfil
Th' appointed duties of the day ;
With ready mind, and active will,
March on, and keep our heav'nly way.

III

LORD ! thy commands are right and pure,
Enlight'ning our beclouded eyes ;
Thy threat'nings just, thy promise sure :
Thy gospel makes the simple wise.

IV

Be thou, o **GOD** ! our guide and strength
Till we arrive at heav'nly bliss ;
All our desires and hopes beside,
Are vanity, compar'd with this.

THE TRUE WAY TO PLEASE GOD.

I

WHEREWITH shall we approach thee, LORD!
And bow before thy throne?
Or, how procure thy kind regard,
And for our guilt atone?

II

Shall altars flame, and victims bleed,
And spicy fumes ascend?
Will these, our earnest wish succeed,
And make our GOD our friend?

III

Oh! no, great GOD! 'twere fruitless all,
Such off'rings are in vain:
No fatlings from the field or stall,
Thy favour can obtain.

IV

To men their rights we must allow,
And proofs of kindness give;
To thee with humble rev'rence bow,
And to thy glory live.

V

Hands that are clean, and hearts sincere,
Our GOD will ne'er despise;
And cheerful duty will prefer
To costly sacrifice.

TRUE HAPPINESS.

I

If solid happiness we prize,
Within our breasts this jewel lies,
And they are fools who roam :
The world has little to bestow ;
From our own selves our joys must flow,
Our bliss begins at home.

II

To be resign'd, when ills betide,
Patient, when favours are deny'd,
And pleas'd with favours giv'n :
This, gracious GOD ! is wisdom's part,
This is that incense of the heart,
Whose fragrance reaches heav'n.

III

Thus thro' life's changing scenes we'll go,
Its chequer'd paths of joy and woe
With cautious steps we'll tread ;
Quit its vain scenes without a tear,
Without a trouble or a fear,
And mingle with the dead :

IV

While conscience, like a faithful friend,
Shall through the gloomy vale attend,
And cheer our dying breath ;
Shall, when all other comforts cease,
Like a kind angel, whisper peace,
And smooth the bed of death.

OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.

I

THUS saith the LORD, "The spacious fields,
" And flocks and herds are mine ;
" O'er all the cattle of the hills
" I claim a right divine.

II

" I ask no sheep for sacrifice,
" Nor bullocks burnt with fire ;
" To hope and love, to pray and praise,
" Is all that I require.

III

" Call upon me when trouble's near,
" My hand shall set thee free ;
" Then shall thy grateful lips declare
" The honour due to me.

IV

" The man who offers humble praise,
" He glorifies me best ;
" And those who tread my holy ways
" Shall my salvation taste."

INVITATIONS OF MERCY.

I

COME ! said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come and make my paths your choic :
I will guide you to your home ;
Weary pilgrim ! hither come !

II

Thou, who houseless, sole, forlorn,
Long hast borne the proud world's scorn,
Long hast roam'd the barren waste,
Weary pilgrim, hither haste !

III

Ye who, tost on beds of pain,
Seek for ease, but seek in vain ;
Ye, whose swollen and sleepless eyes
Watch to see the morning rise :

IV

Ye, by fiercer anguish torn,
In strong remorse for guilt who mourn,
Here repose your heavy care :
A wounded spirit who can bear ?

V

Sinner, come ! for here is found
Balm that flows for ev'ry wound ;
Peace that ever shall endure,
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

CONSOLATION IN THE PROMISES OF GOD.

I.

WHEN fainting in the sultry waste,
And parch'd with thirst extreme,
The weary pilgrim longs to taste
The cool, refreshing stream :

II

Should, sudden, to his hopeless eye
A crystal spring appear,
How would the stream his want supply,
His drooping spirits cheer !

III

So longs the weary fainting mind,
Opprest with sins and woes,
Some heart-reviving spring to find,
Whence heav'nly comfort flows.

IV

Thus sweet, the consolations are
The promises inpart ;
Here flowing streams of life appear,
To cheer the fainting heart.

THE WATCHFUL CHRISTIAN.

I.

Ye servants of the LORD !
Each in his office wait,
Observant of his heav'nly word,
And watchful at his gate.

II

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame :
Gird up your loins, as in his sight,
For awful is his name.

III

Watch ! 'tis your LORD's command ;
And while we speak, he's near :
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

IV

O happy servant he,
In such a posture found !
He shall his LORD with rapture see,
And be with honour crown'd.

A GOOD CONSCIENCE THE BEST SUPPORT.

I

WHILE some, in folly, pleasures find,
And court the joys which hurt the mind;
Be mine, that silent calm repast
A peaceful conscience, to the last :

II

Though heav'n afflict, I 'll not repine :
The noblest comforts still are mine ;
Comforts which over death prevail,
And travel with me through this vale.

III

Amidst the various scenes of ills,
Each stroke some kind design fulfils :
And shall I murmur at my GOD,
When love supreme directs the rod ?

IV

His hand will smooth my rugged way,
And lead me to the realms of day ;
To milder skies and brighter plains,
Where everlasting pleasure reigns.

THE CHANGES OF HUMAN LIFE APPOINTED BY GOD.

I

As various as the moon
Is man's estate below :
To his bright day of gladness, soon
Succeeds a night of woe.

II

The night of woe resigns
Its darkness and its grief ;
Again the morn of comfort shines,
And brings our mind relief.

III

Yet not from fickle chance
These varying scenes arise :
Our dark and brighter hours advance,
By laws supremely wise.

IV

Let man conform his mind
To ev'ry changing state :
Be joyful now, and now resign'd,
And the great issue wait.

V

Hopeful and humble, bear
His evil and his good ;
Nor by presumption, nor despair,
Weak mortal ! be subdu'd.

JOY AND PROSPERITY FROM THE BLESSING OF GOD.

I

SHINE on thy creatures, mighty GOD!

With rays of mercy shine ;

O let thy favour crown our days,

And our whole course be thine !

II

Did we not raise our hearts to thee,

Our hands might toil in vain ;

Small joy success itself could give,

Didst thou thy love restrain.

III

With thee let ev'ry week begin,

With thee each day be spent ;

For thee each fleeting hour improv'd,

Since each by thee is lent.

IV

Thus cheer us through this dang'rous road,

Till all our labours cease ;

And heav'n refresh our fainting hearts

With everlasting peace.

PROSPERITY AND ADVERSITY.

I

O LORD ! how tender is thy love,
Thy justice how august !
Hence, all her fears my soul derives,
There, anchors all her trust.

II

Thou show'st the manna from above,
To feed the barren waste ;
Or point'st with death the fiery hail,
And famine waits the blast.

III

Thou bid'st distress forget to groan,
The sick from anguish cease ;
In dungeons spread'st thy healing wing,
And softly whisper'st peace.

IV

Thy vengeance rides the rushing wind,
Or tips the bolt with flame :
Thy goodness breathes in ev'ry breeze,
And warms in ev'ry beam.

V

Oh ! grant, with ever grateful heart
My years resign'd may run :
'Tis thine to give or to resume ;
And may thy will be done !

TRUST IN GOD UNDER AFFLICTION.

I

O GOD ! the cov'nant of thy love
Abides for ever sure ;
We in its matchless mercy feel
Our happiness secure.

II

What though we want the health or ease
Which nature may desire ?
To nobler joys than nature gives,
Thy servants all aspire.

III

Since thou, the everlasting GOD !
Our father art become ;
And in the gospel bid'st us hope
That heav'n shall be our home :

IV

We welcome all thy sov'reign will ;
For all that will is love :
And, when we do not know thy law,
We 'll trust for light above.

V

Thy mercy, in the darkest gloom
Shall heavn'ly rays impart ;
And, when our eye-lids close in death,
Shall warm our trembling heart.

CHRISTIAN FORTITUDE.

I

TAKE courage now, while GOD is near ;
What enemy have we to fear ?
How can we want a sure defence,
Whose refuge is omnipotence ?

II

Though thickest dangers crowd our way,
Our GOD can chase our fears away :
Our feeble faith on him relies,
And all those dangers still defies.

III

Though billows after billows roll,
To overwhelm our sinking soul ;
Firm as a rock we still shall stand,
Upheld by GOD's almighty hand.

IV

In life, his presence is our aid ;
In death, 'twill guide us through the shade ;
Chase all our rising fears away,
And turn our darkness into day.

RESIGNATION IN AFFLICTION.

I

NAKED, as from the earth we came,
And rose to life at first,
We to the earth return again,
And mingle with the dust.

II

The dear delights we here enjoy,
And call our own in vain,
Are but short pleasures borrow'd now,
To be repaid again.

III

'Tis GOD bestows our greatest joys,
Or sinks them in the grave ;
He gives, and, blessed be his name !
He takes but what he gave.

IV

Peace, then, ye restless passions, peace !
Let each repining sigh
Be silent at his sov'reign will ;
And ev'ry murmur die.

SUBMISSION TO GOD UNDER AFFLICTION.

I

PEACE, my complaining, doubting heart !
Ye busy cares, be still !
Adore the just, the sov'reign LORD,
Nor murmur at his will.

II

Unerring wisdom guides his hand ;
Nor dares my guilty fear,
Amid the sharpest pains I feel,
Pronounce his hand severe.

III

To soften ev'ry painful stroke,
Indulgent mercy bends,
And unrepining when I plead,
His gracious ear attends.

IV

Let me reflect with humble awe
Whene'er my heart complains ;
Compar'd with what my sins deserve,
How gentle are my pains !

V

Yes, LORD ! I own thy sov'reign hand,
Thou just, and wise, and kind !
Be ev'ry anxious thought suppress'd,
And my whole heart resign'd.

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BENEFIT OF AFFLICTION.

I

LORD ! I have found 'tis good for me
To bear thy chast'ning rod ;
Afflictions make me learn thy law,
And turn to thee, my GOD !

II

Had not thy word been my delight,
When earthly joys were fled,
My spirit, broke with sorrow's weight,
Had sunk among the dead.

III

Consider all my sorrows, LORD !
And thy deliv'rance send :
My heart for thy salvation faints ;
When will my troubles end ?

IV

I know thy judgments, LORD ! are right,
Though they may seem severe :
The sharpest suff'rings I endure
Flow from thy faithful care.

V

Before I knew thy chast'ning rod,
I oft' was apt to stray ;
But now I'm taught to keep thy word,
Nor wander from thy way.

PERSECUTION AND INTOLERANCE.

ABSURD and vain attempt ! to bind
With iron chains the free-born mind ;
To force conviction, and by might
Determine what alone is right.

II

Bold arrogance ! to snatch from heav'n
Dominion not to mortals giv'n ;
O'er conscience to usurp the throne,
Accountable to GOD alone.

III

The gentle law of christian love
Doth no such cruelties approve :
Mild as himself, Christ's doctrine wields
No arms, but what persuasion yields.

IV

By proofs convincing, reason strong,
It draws the willing mind along ;
And, conquests to its truth, acquires
By eloquence, which heav'n inspires.

HABITUAL DEVOTION.

I

WHILE thee I seek, protecting pow'r!
Be my vain wishes still'd ;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be fill'd.

II

Thy love the pow'rs of thought bestow'd ;
To thee my thoughts would soar ;
Thy mercy o'er my life has flow'd :—
That mercy I adore !

III

In ev'ry joy that crowns my days,
In ev'ry pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

IV

When gladness cheers my favour'd hour,
Thy love, my thoughts shall fill :
Resign'd, when storms of sorrow low'r,
I'll firmly meet thy will.

V

My lifted eye without a tear,
The low'ring storm shall see ;
My steadfast heart shall know no fear :—
That heart shall rest on thee !

DEVOUT ASPIRATIONS.

I

GOD ! our kind master, merciful as just,
Knowing our frame, remembers man is dust :
His ear is open to the softest cry ;
His love descends to meet the lifted eye.

II

He reads the language of the silent tear,
And sighs are incense from a heart sincere :
He marks the dawn of ev'ry virtuous aim,
And fans the smoking flax into a flame.

III

Oh ! set me from all earthly bondage free ;
Still ev'ry wish that centres not in thee :
Bid my fond hopes, my vain disquiets cease,
And point my path to everlasting peace.

DEVOTION VAIN WITHOUT VIRTUE.

I

Th' uplifted eye and bended knee
Are but vain homage, LORD ! to thee ;
In vain our lips thy praise prolong,
The heart a stranger to the song.

II

Can rites, and forms, and flaming zeal,
The breaches of thy precepts heal ?
Or fast and penance reconcile
Thy justice, and obtain thy smile ?

III

The pure, the humble, contrite mind,
Thankful, and to thy will resign'd,
To thee a nobler offering yields
Than richest treasures from the fields.

IV

" Love GOD and man " this great command
Doth on thine own foundation stand :
This did thine ancient prophets teach,
This did the great MESSIAH preach.

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING.

I

AGAIN the LORD of life and light
Awakes the kindling ray ;
Unseals the eye-lids of the morn,
And pours increasing day.

II

O what a night was that, which wrapt
The ancient world in gloom !
O what a sun which broke this day,
Triumphant from the tomb !

III

This day be grateful homage paid,
And loud hosannas sung ;
Let gladness dwell in ev'ry heart,
And praise on ev'ry tongue.

IV

Ten thousand differing lips still join
To hail this welcome morn ;
Which scatters blessings from its wings
To nations yet unborn.

THE SABBATH.

I

God of the sabbath ! hear our vows,
On this thy day, in this thine house ;
And own, as grateful sacrifice,
The songs which in thy churches rise.

II

Thine earthly sabbaths, LORD ! we love ;
But there's a nobler rest above ;
Thy servants to that rest aspire,
With cheerful hope and strong desire.

III

There languor shall no more oppress,
The heart shall feel no more distress !
No sighs shall mingle with the songs,
That dwell upon immortal tongues.

IV

No anxious cares shall there annoy ;
No conscious guilt disturb our joy ;
But ev'ry doubt and fear shall cease,
And perfect love give perfect peace.

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I

I'LL bless JEHOVAH's glorious name,
Whose goodness heav'n and earth proclaim,
With ev'ry morning light ;
And, at the close of ev'ry day,
To him my cheerful homage pay,
Who guards me through the night.

II

Then in his churches to appear,
And pay my humble worship there,
Shall be my sweet employ :
The day that saw MESSIAH rise,
Shall dawn on my delighted eyes
With ev'ry sacred joy.

III

With grateful sorrow in my breast,
I'll celebrate the dying feast
Of my departing LORD ;
And while his perfect love I view,
His bright example I'll pursue,
And meditate his word.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

I

GREAT GOD ! we jointly wish to sing
The joys that from thy presence spring ;
To spend one day with thee on earth,
Exceeds a thousand days of mirth.

II

Thou art our sun, thou mak'st our day ;
Thou art our shield, thou guard'st our way
From sickness, sorrow, death, and sin,
From foes without, and foes within.

III

From thee doth ev'ry blessing flow,
Both bliss and honour thou'lt bestow ;
To him, who what is right pursues,
No real good wilt thou refuse.

IV

O GOD our king ! whose sovereign sway,
The glorious hosts of heav'n obey,
All evils, at thy bidding, flee :
Blest is the man who trusts in thee.

PUBLIC AND SOCIAL WORSHIP.

I

How pleasant, how divinely fair,
O LORD of hosts ! thy dwellings are.
Within thy sanctuary here,
Most willingly do we appear.

II

Happy are those, whose purpose stands
To keep the way of thy commands :
Thou art their guide ; and thro' their road,
They trust unto their maker, GOD.

III

O GOD, our king ! why should we be
Neglectful of our joys, and thee ?
Here we behold thy gentler rays,
Inquire thy will, and learn to praise :

IV

O ! may we walk with growing strength ;
Till we shall meet in heav'n at length ;
Till all before thy throne appear,
And join in nobler worship there.

FAMILY DEVOTION.

I

FATHER of men ! thy care we bless,
Which crowns our families with peace :
From thee we sprang, and by thy hand,
From day to day, are still sustain'd.

II

To thee, most worthy to be prais'd,
Let all our social prayers be rais'd ;
Who, LORD of heav'n ! scorn'st not to hear
Thy servants in the act of prayer.

III .

To thee let each united house,
Morning and night, present its vows :
Our children there, and servants too,
Be taught thy precepts, and thy love.

IV

O ! may each future age proclaim
The honours of thy glorious name ;
While, pleas'd and thankful, we remove
To join thy family above.

PRIVATE DEVOTION.

I

FATHER divine ! thy piercing eye
Looks through the shades of night ;
In deep retirement thou art nigh,
With heart-discerning sight.

II

There shall that piercing eye survey
Our humble worship paid,
With ev'ry morning's dawning ray,
And ev'ry ev'ning-shade.

III

We'll leave behind each worldly care ;
To thee our minds shall soar ;
While grateful praise and fervent pray'r
Employ the silent hour.

PERSONAL VIRTUES.

I

AWAKE, my soul ! rouse ev'ry pow'r,
Thy native dignity display :
Let lust and passion reign no more,
No longer own their lawless sway.

II

Thy temper meek and humble be,
Content and pleas'd with ev'ry state,
From dire revenge and envy free,
And wild ambition to be great.

III

Confine thy roving appetites ;
From this vain world withdraw thine eyes ;
Fix them on those divine delights,
Which angels taste above the skies.

IV

With eager zeal pursue the prize ;
Each fleeting hour of life improve :
This course will speak thee truly wise,
And raise thee to the world above.

VIRTUOUS DESIRES.

I

God, who is just and kind,
Will those who err instruct,
And to the paths of righteousness
Their wand'ring steps conduct.

II

The humble heart he guides,
Teaches the meek his way ;
Kindness and truth he shows to all
Who his just laws obey.

III

Give me the tender heart
That mixes fear with love ;
And lead me through whatever path
Thy wisdom shall approve.

IV

Oh ! ever keep that heart
From error, shame, and guilt ;
Nor suffer the fair hope to fail,
Which on thy truth is built.

CHARITABLE JUDGMENT.

I

ALL-SEEING GOD ? 'tis thine to know
The springs whence wrong opinions flow ;
To judge, by principles within,
When frailty errs, and when we sin.

II

Who among men, great lord of all !
Thy servant to his bar shall call ?
Judge him, for modes of faith, thy foe,
And doom him to the realms of woe ?

III

Who, with another's eye, can read ?
Or, worship by another's creed ?
Trusting thy love, we use our own ;
And bow to thy commands alone.

IV

If wrong, forgive ; approve, if right :
While, faithful, we obey our light,
Condemning none, but zealous still
To learn and follow all thy will.

RELIGIOUS CANDOUR.

I

LORD ! not to earth's contracted span
Thy goodness let me bound ;
Or think thee LORD alone of man,
When thousand worlds are round.

II

Let not this weak, unknowing hand
Presume thy bolts to throw ;
And deal damnation round the land,
On each I judge thy foe.

III

If I am right, thine aid impart,
Still in the right to stay :
If I am wrong, o teach my heart
To find that better way.

IV

Save me alike from foolish pride,
Or impious discontent
At aught thy wisdom has deny'd,
Or aught thy goodness lent.

V

Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see :
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.

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THE RIGHT AND DUTY OF PRIVATE JUDGMENT.

I

IMPOSTURE shrinks from light,
And dreads the curious eye :
Thy doctrines, LORD ! the test invite,
They bid us search and try.

II

O ! may we still maintain
A meek, inquiring mind ;
Assur'd we shall not search in vain,
But hidden treasures find.

III

With understanding blest,
Created to be free,
Our faith on man we dare not rest,
Subject to none but thee.

IV

O LORD ! our spirit lead,
With soundest knowledge fill ;
From noxious error guard our creed,
From prejudice, our will.

V

The truth, once learnt, impress
On our obedient hearts ;
And help us firmly to profess
'Gainst all seducing arts.

LOVE FOR ALL MANKIND.

I

O GOD ! my father, and my king !
Of all I have, or hope, the spring ;
Thy choicest gift send from above ;
And warm my heart with holy love.

II

May I from ev'ry act abstain,
That hurts, or gives another pain ;
And ev'ry secret wish suppress
That would abridge his happiness.

III

With pity let my breast o'erflow,
When I behold a brother's woe ;
And bear a sympathizing part,
Whene'er I meet a wounded heart.

IV

And let another's prosp'rous state
A mutual joy in me create ;
His virtuous triumph let me join ;
His peace and happiness be mine.

V

Let love in all my conduct shine,
An image fair, though faint, of thine ;
Father of men ! great GOD of love !
Let me thine humble foll'wer prove.

JUSTICE.

I

If high or low our station be,
Of noble, or ignoble name,
By uncorrupted honesty,
Thy blessing, LORD ! we 'll humbly claim.

II

Enrich'd with that, no want we 'll fear,
Thy providence shall be our trust ;
Thou wilt provide our portion here,
Thou friend and guardian of the just !

III

Oh ! may we, with sincere delight,
To all, the task of duty pay ;
Tender of ev'ry social right,
Obedient to thy righteous sway.

IV

Such virtue thou wilt not forget,
In worlds where every virtue shares
A fit reward ; though not of debt,
But what thy boundless love prepares.

SINCERITY.

I

O GOD ! thou spirit, just and wise,
Who seest our inmost mind :
In vain, to thee we raise our voice,
And leave our hearts behind.

II

Nothing but truth before thy throne
With favour can appear :
The formal hypocrites are known
Through each disguise they wear.

III

Their lifted eyes salute the skies,
Their bending knees, the ground ;
But thou abhorr'st the sacrifice,
Where not the heart is found.

IV

Lord ! search our thoughts, and try our ways,
And make our hearts sincere :
Then shall we in thy presence stand,
And find acceptance there.

SINCERITY AND PERSEVERANCE IN RELIGION.

I

Thou art my portion, O my GOD !
Soon as I know thy way,
My heart makes haste t'obey thy word,
And suffers no delay.

II

I choose the path of heav'nly truth,
And glory in my choice ;
Not all the riches of the earth
Could make me so rejoice.

III

The testimonies of thy love
I set before mine eyes ;
Thence I derive my daily strength,
And there my comfort lies.

IV

Whene'er I wander from thy path,
I'll think upon my ways ;
Then turn my feet to thy commands,
And trust thy pard'ning love.

V

Thou hast inclin'd this heart of mine
Thy statutes to fulfil :
And thus, till mortal life shall end,
Wou'd I perform thy will.

FIDELITY IN THE CAUSE OF TRUTH AND VIRTUE.

I

SHALL we forsake that heav'nly Friend,
On whom our noblest hopes depend ?
Forbid it, that our wand'ring heart
From GOD and virtue should depart !

II

First let the pulse of life stand still,
Ere we forget our father's will ;
Ere we submit to guilty shame,
And bring dishonour on his name.

III

Faithful to him and to his laws,
With zeal we would maintain his cause,
The cause of truth and righteousness,
'Midst trial, suff'ring, and distress.

IV

If e'er we're call'd t'encounter death
For him ; may we resign our breath ;
And reap, at last, the great reward
Which waits the servants of the LORD.

BENEVOLENCE.

I

HAIL, source of pleasures ever new !
While thy kind dictates we pursue,
We taste a joy sincere ;
Too high for little minds to know,
Who on themselves alone bestow
Their wishes and their care.

II

By thee inspir'd, the gen'rous breast,
In blessing others only blest ;
With kindness large and free,
Delights the widow's tears to stay,
'To teach the blind their smoothest way,
And aid the feeble knee.

III

O GOD ! with sympathetic care,
In others' joys and griefs to share,
Do thou our hearts incline ;
Each low, each selfish wish control,
Warm with benevolence our soul,
And make us wholly thine.

SENSIBILITY TO THE DISTRESSES OF OTHERS.

I

HARD and unfeeling is his heart,
And dark his inmost soul,
Who never knew the gen'rous force
Of pity's kind control.

II

The social feelings of the breast
To him no joy impart ;
While low and sordid cares contract
The motions of his heart.

II

But oh ! how truly blest is he,
Whose heart is all benign ;
Touch'd with the sweet attractive pow'r
Of sympathy divine !

IV

What solid joy, what calm delight
Possess his manly mind,
That glows with tenderness and love
To all of human kind !

V

May we be ready, LORD ! to all
Our cheerful aid to lend ;
And, while in others' joys we share,
Still be the suff'rer's friend !

SYMPATHY.

I

FAR from thy servants, gracious GOD !
Th' unfeeling heart remove,
And form in our obedient hearts
The image of thy love.

II

O may our sympathizing breasts
The gen'rous pleasure know,
Kindly to share in others' joy,
And weep for others' woe !

III

Where'er the helpless sons of grief
In low distress are laid,
Prompt be our hearts their pains to feel,
And swift our hands to aid.

IV

O ! be the law of love fulfill'd
In ev'ry act and thought ;
Each angry passion far remov'd,
Each selfish view forgot.

V

Be thou, my heart ! extended wide
With this affection kind ;
And, in one grasp of fervent love,
All earth and heav'n combine.

VIRTUOUS FRIENDSHIP.

I

How blest the sacred tie that binds,
In union sweet, according minds !
How swift the heav'nly course they run,
Whose hearts, whose faith, whose hopes
are one !

II

To each, the life of each how dear !
What jealous love, what holy fear !
How doth the gen'rous flame within
Refine from earth, and cleanse from sin !

III

Their streaming eyes together flow
For human guilt and mortal woe ;
Their ardent pray'rs together rise,
Like mingling flames in sacrifice.

IV

Nor shall the glowing flame expire
When nature droops her sick'ning fire ;
Then shall they meet in realms above,
A heav'n of joy—because of love.

INTEGRITY, FORTITUDE, AND HOPE.

I

THE man, whose firm and equal mind
To solid glory is inclin'd,
Determin'd will his path pursue,
And keep the noble prize in view.

II

With calm, undaunted, manly breast,
Of virtue, honour, truth possest,
He'll stem the torrent of the age,
And fearless tread this mortal stage.

III

Amidst th' assailing ills of life,
Pride, passion, malice, envy, strife ;
He'll act his part without disguise,
Intrepid, generous, just, and wise.

IV

In conscious rectitude secure,
This man, unshaken, shall endure
Of human woes the num'rous train,
Oppression, bondage, sickness, pain.

V

Conscious of sov'reign mercy nigh,
Devout, to heav'n he'll lift his eye ;
While hope and trust in joys to come:
Waft him to realms beyond the tomb.

TRANQUILLITY AND CONTENTMENT.

I

HAPPY the man, and he alone,
To whom the easy lot is given,
Cheerful to wait, and thankful own,
The gracious hand of bounteous heaven.

II

Then solitude, or social joy,
Can please, yet not engage his heart ;
Nor sorrow, pain, nor care annoy
His nobler, his immortal part.

III

His wish, his hope, his mind aspires
To a fair paradise above ;
Yet patient waits, till heaven requires
From worldly toil his blest remove.

IV

Thus may our hopes and wishes rise ;
Be ours serenity like this ;
Till death's kind sleep shall close our eyes,
Then wake to light, and life, and bliss.

PRUDENCE.

I

Oh! 'tis a lovely thing to see
A man of prudent heart,
Whose thoughts, and lips, and life agree
To act an useful part.

II

When envy, strife, and war begin
To rise in angry breasts;
Mark how the sons of peace come in
And quench the kindling sparks!

III

Their minds are humble, mild, and meek,
No furious passions rise;
Nor malice moves their lips to speak,
Nor pride exalts their eyes.

IV

Their lives are prudence mix'd with love:
Good works employ their day;
They join the serpent with the dove,
But cast the sting away.

V

Such; the great teacher of mankind;
Such pleasures he pursu'd;
His manners gentle and refin'd,
His heart divinely good.

RESIGNATION AND CONTENTMENT.

I

IF friendless in the vale of tears I stray,
Where briars wound, and thorns perplex
my way;
Still let me, steadily thy goodness see,
And with strong confidence lay hold on thee.

II

In ev'ry creature, LORD ! I own thy pow'r ;
In each event, thy providence adore :
Thy promises shall cheer my drooping soul,
Thy precepts guide me, and thy fear control.

III

Then, when at last I quit this transient scene,
Help me to leave it with a heart serene :
Teach me to fix my ardent hopes on high,
And, having liv'd to thee, in thee to die.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

I

GREAT GOD ! we sing that mighty hand,
By which supported still we stand :
The op'ning years thy mercy show ;
Thy mercy crowns them as they flow.

II

By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still are we guarded by our GOD ;
By thy incessant bounty fed,
By thy unerring counsel led.

III

With grateful hearts the past we own ;
The future, all to us unknown,
To thee commit in humble pray'r,
And banish ev'ry anxious care.

IV

In scenes exalted or deprest,
Thou art our joy, and thou our rest ;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Ador'd through all our changing days.

V

When death shall interrupt these songs,
And seal in silence mortal tongues ;
In better worlds we'll learn to boast
In thee, O GOD ! in whom we trust.

REFLECTIONS ON THE WASTE OF TIME.

FOR NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

I

REMARK, my soul ! the narrow bounds
Of the revolving year !
How swift the weeks complete their rounds !
How short the months appear !

II

So fast eternity comes on,
And that important day,
When, all that mortal man has done,
God's judgment shall survey.

III

GREAT GOD ! awake this trifling heart,
My great concern to see ;
That I may choose the better part,
And wholly live to thee.

IV

Thus shall their course more grateful roll,
If future years arise ;
Or, this shall bear my willing soul
To joy that never dies.

HYMN IN TIME OF WAR.

I

WHILE sounds of war are heard around,
And death and ruin strew the ground ;
To thee we look, on thee we call,
The parent, and the LORD of all !

II

Thou, who hast stamp'd on human kind
The image of a heav'n-born mind,
And, in a father's wide embrace,
Hast cherish'd all the kindred race ;

III.

O see ! with what insatiate rage
Thy sons their impious battles wage ;
How spreads destruction like a flood,
And brothers shed their brothers' blood !

IV

Great GOD ! whose powerful hand can bind
The raging waves, the furious wind,
O ! bid the human tempest cease,
And hush the madd'ning world to peace.

V

With rev'rence may each hostile land
Hear and obey that high command,
Sent down to mortals from above,
“ My creatures ! live in mutual love.”

HYMN FOR A FAST.

I

GREAT framer of unnumber'd worlds,
And whom unnumber'd worlds adore !
Whose goodness all thy creatures share,
While nature trembles at thy pow'r :

II

While suppliant crowds implore thine aid,
To thee we raise the lowly eye ;
Thine altar is the contrite heart,
Thine incense, a repentant sigh.

III

But if injustice grind the poor,
Or avarice stain thy creatures' hand ;
Or stern ambition thirst for blood,
Or rude oppression waste the land :

IV

The GOD, who hears the orphan's cry,
The martyr's prayer, and prisoner's groan,
Still listening to the poor oppress,
Would spurn the oppressor from his throne.

V

May Britain, in her sober hour,
Confess thy hand, and bless the rod ;
Thou still wouldst love to be her friend,
Who loves to own thee as her GOD.

PRAISE FOR NATIONAL PEACE.

I

GREAT ruler of the earth and skies !
A word of thine almighty breath
Can sink the world, or bid it rise :
Thy smile is life, thy frown is death.

II

When angry nations rush to arms,
And rage, and noise, and tumult reign,
And war resounds its dire alarms,
And slaughter dyes the hostile plain :

III

Thy sov'reign eye looks calmly down,
And marks their course, and bounds their
pow'r ;
Thy law the angry nations own,
And noise and war are heard no more.

IV

Then peace returns with balmy wing ;
Sweet peace ! with her what blessings fled !
Glad plenty laughs, the valleys sing,
Reviving commerce lifts her head.

V

To thee we pay our grateful songs,
Thy kind protection still implore :
O may our hearts, and lives, and tongues,
Confess thy goodness, and adore !

UNIVERSAL PRAISE TO GOD.

I

O ALL ye nations! praise the LORD,
Each with a diff'rent tongue;
Learn to obey his holy word,
And let his name be sung!

II

His mercy reigns through ev'ry land;
Proclaim his love abroad;
For ever firm his truth shall stand;
Praise ye the faithful GOD!

UNIVERSAL PRAISE TO GOD.

I

THY name, almighty LORD !
Shall sound through distant lands:
Great is thy love, and sure thy word;
Thy truth for ever stands.

II

Far be thine honour spread,
And long thy praise endure ;
Till morning light, and ev'ning shade,
Shall be exchange'd no more.

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